



Spring Edition 2010
(February- May)

FOOTSTEPS

REACHING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AT ST
ANNES PARISH CHURCH

Welcome to the spring edition of *Footsteps*. This spring issue highlights a number of events and activities for families, children and young people during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter and beyond!

The Easter story is a story of a week filled with happy and sad events but it is also a story of hope and new life, which is found in the Resurrection of Jesus. This Easter marks a very special beginning in our church life as we welcome our new priest-in-charge, Fr. David Lyon and his wife Brenda. We would love for you to come and be part of our worship during this very special season.

Families and children are welcome at ALL of our services, and there are toy bags and books available for children to use throughout the services, but this leaflet highlights those, which may be of particular interest to the younger members of our parish.

Don't forget to check out our website @

www.stannesparishchurch.org

Love & Prayers,

Lisa



Children's Sunday Worship

We hold monthly Sunday worship sessions for children and their parents/ carers. Both groups use a variety of methods to help the children explore the Bible and the Christian faith.

See & Know (0-5yrs) is our newest venture and a great opportunity for parents and carers to learn about God and the Christian faith with their children through stories and age appropriate crafts and activities.

Kidsown (5+yrs) (formerly Sunday School). Children are encouraged to explore the Bible and life as a Christian through stories, talks, discussions, crafts, activities & music,

Both groups start at 10:15 and are held in the parish rooms.

The dates for the next sessions are: 21/03/10, 18/04/10, 16/05/10



NURSERY PRAISE

Come and join us on the third Tuesday of every month in Church for a short time of praise and play. This is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents or carers to introduce their children to the Christian faith. The children get to ring the Church bell then we have story time with teddy and there's just enough time for a craft activity and snack before home time!

Nursery Praise is held in Church and starts at **2pm**. The next sessions will be held on:

16th March, 20th April, 18th May



Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 28th March, 10:30am.



Come and join us for a procession of Palms and Family Eucharist Service. Children are welcome to stay in Church with their parents or join us in the Parish Rooms for activities.

Good Friday 2nd April, 10:30am.



Stations of the Cross for Children. Come and join us as we travel with Jesus in the way of the cross. Then stay behind for drink, chat and hot cross buns!!

Easter Sunday 4th April, 10:30am.



Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus in our Family Eucharist Service and see if you can spot the chocolate chicken!!



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 14th March, 10:30am.

Join us, & our uniformed organisations as we thank God for all those people who love us and look after us. There will also be a distribution of flowers during this service



MESSY CHURCH

Family Worship

Messy Church is a new form of **family worship**. It is a time for the **whole family** to get together and explore the Bible and the Christian Faith through arts, crafts, stories, creative prayers, drama and a short time of informal worship. At the end of each session we sit down together as one big family to share a meal just like Jesus did with his friends.

Come and Join us in Church, 4-6pm on

Saturday 6th March, Saturday 1st May

(There is no Messy Church on 3rd April (Holy Saturday) as this is a solemn day in the church's year)