

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTER

This title includes Messy Church Leader, Godly Play Leader, Preparation for Baptism team Leader and other roles bringing the individual into relationship with children and young people in both accompanied and unaccompanied situations.

The focus for the role is to grow awareness with the children and young people of the Gospel and the life of the Anglican Christian Community. It is a role endorsed by the Priest-in-Charge and the Parish Council. This role may be held by lay or ordained ministers and may be licensed by the Bishop.

All Children and Youth Ministers must complete and maintain the Safe Church training satisfactorily and meet all the Safe Church compliance obligations in a timely and thorough manner.

Duties

- Work with the Priest-in-Charge to draw up plans and ensure approval and permission from the Priest-in-Charge for the ministry being carried out.
- Keep the Parish Council advised and the Oversight Committee of the activities being planned and held
- Ensure the ministry reports are provided to the Diocesan Office regularly to provide the appropriate insurance is in place
- Provide a safe space, physically, emotionally and spiritually for all the children and young people
- Always have plans in place for emergencies, including knowing where the exits are, the First Aid box, the emergency numbers for assistance, contact numbers for parents, and do not do any activities alone.
- Plan the event/s and share the plans to get input and to make sure good practice is ensured for all involved
- Work with others all the time and not in isolation to share the workload and the duties and responsibilities
- Make sure there is always enough people to take children to the toilets, keep them safe and not straying, and there are refreshments available
- If there is conflict and concerns about behavior, language, relationships, performance, refer back to the Oversight Committee, and discuss strategies
- If parents are needing support, discuss this with the Oversight Committee
- Be welcoming and consistent in behavior
- Make sure communications with parents and the wider church reflect our Safe Church practices and our joy in being part of a parish community in shared worship and living
- Follow all the policies and procedures for working with accompanied and unaccompanied children and young people