

## Children's report for AGM 2019

The Children's group has seen a stabilisation in regular children and families over the last year. The families have joined the church and stayed, highlighting the welcoming environment we are building in Little St Mary's for them.

Once again, we see the older choristers staying in the service which is a wonderful sign of them growing up and becoming more involved with the service itself. The younger children have grown to become active members of the group. This means the average age has dropped a little but also the age difference between the members has also reduced.

We continue to use different resources to deliver the teaching. Depending on the leader, the sessions will vary every week but will always be focused on the Gospel or one of the set readings for the Sunday. We will read or act out the bible reading and respond to it with discussion and frequently a drawing or piece of craft work.

The Sunday group is now more frequently joined with the Junior choir and we are seeing strong links between the two, highlighted especially at Harvest and on Mothering Sunday. As always, I am very grateful to all the leaders and helpers both on the rota and those who support when they can.

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