

S^t. Mark's Church
Baby and Toddler Group
(Parent and Toddler Group)

For parents/carers with children under 5

Mondays: 9.15 -11.15 a.m.

TERM TIME ONLY



S^t. Mark's Church
Archer's Road
Southampton

£1.50 per family per session
+ 50p for each extra child

Further information:
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Check our Website: www.stmarkssoton.co.uk

S^t. Mark's Baby and Toddler Group is run by members of S^t. Mark's Church, supported by other volunteers. **We aim to welcome every one**, whatever their age, relationship to the child, culture, religious background, colour, gender or disability.

Benefits

We aim to provide a friendly and welcoming place for you to come to play with your child and to meet others.

We provide a variety of toys and activities each week.

Tea/coffee is provided for the adults before the children's snack time - last orders 10.15 a.m.

We provide milk/water and fruit/healthy snacks for the children. Snack Time is an important social time.

We have regular visits from the Children's Information Service and a professional photographer.

We hold Celebration Events: a Christmas Party, Easter celebration and Teddy Bears Picnic in the summer.

All of our Team are subject to DBS, are aware of Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and on hand to support you and your child.

We welcome your feedback on areas for development, with suggestions about how we can offer a better experience. And, of course, we like to hear about the things you appreciate. This is your group and your input is always welcome.

A Typical Session

- 9.15** The session opens and group members **Register and pay**. Please sign up for a job. We all share in the running of the group.
- Play activities** include a reading area, home corner, puzzles, dressing-up, cars and construction toys (LEGO and Train). There are also creative activities and 'messy play' such as painting/sticking, play-dough, and sand/water.
- A safe area is provided for babies with suitable activity mats and toys.
- 10.30** **Tidy up time** - everyone is asked to help tidy up the toys ready for snack time
Children's snack time - please supervise your child closely. All children are to be seated before the drinks/snacks are served.
- 10.45** **Physical play** e.g. soft play, sit-and-ride toys and bikes or balls or parachute games.
- 11.00** **Singing/music time** - everyone is asked to join in and sit with their children.
- 11.15** Notices and home time.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR GROUP GUIDELINES!

Parents/carers are responsible for their own children at all times during sessions.

Look after, and encourage your children to look after, St. Mark's Church Centre and each other. Take care with drinks, buggies and belongings.

St. Mark's Baby and Toddler Group is for children under school age accompanied **and** supervised by their parents/carers. Please **DO NOT** bring older brothers and sisters, as this upsets the balance of the Group.

Please do not come to a session if you or your child is ill.

We ask that you do not bring any other food or sweets for your children in the session. Our snack time is social occasion when we all sit down together and sometimes try different foods as part of our programme.

SAFETY FIRST Please keep hot drinks out of the children's reach on the kitchen hatchway or a table at the edge of the room.

As a Church-based Group and as members of Southampton Community PlayLink this group is committed to a

**NO SMACKING, NO SMOKING,
NO SWEARING POLICY**