

**ST. MARY'S RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN
TOTS AND TODDLERS GROUP REPORT 2018**

We continue to enjoy welcoming parents and carers with their babies and toddlers to our Monday afternoon session of Tots and Toddlers. There have been lots of new members since the New Year and it's lovely to be able to welcome them. The format remains the same and is still very good value at £1.00 per family, per session, which includes a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and a cold drink for the children. We always have a table with homemade playdough and quite often a craft table, plus a good supply of toys. The session ends with a sing-song which is accompanied by Daphne on the piano. The children enjoy accompanying the "music man" song with the percussion instruments.

We match our craft activities to the relevant occasion such as Valentine's Day, Shrove Tuesday (with home-made pancakes professionally tossed by Diane Williams!), Mothering Sunday, Easter, etc. The Easter craft activities include the older children making a basket containing a chocolate egg which they are able to take home. The music session is based around Easter songs. At Christmas mince pies are served carols are sung around the piano. Our fabric nativity group is much in evidence for the children to explore and play with. Of course, chocolate Santas usually find their way home with the children.

Over the past year Daphne has started a short bible study course for those who are happy to join. They began by looking at the Gospel of Mark. We hope this will continue in the coming year.

We continue with our long standing group of helpers who work really well as a team. It has certainly been an important part of the success of the group over the past 11 years. Plus, we now have Sarah Allison who helps us out when others in the team are unable to make it for whatever reason and she is a very welcome addition. Long may we continue!

The Tots and Toddlers Team