

Sunday School Report for APCM April 2015

- Currently there are 3 leaders organising the Sunday School- Jo Adams Helen Hall and Nicola Joyce (we have a couple of additional adults who regularly help out- and some parents also attend with their children which helps with supporting children complete activities)
- One positive thing is that as there are only 3 of us we have had to work together really well as a team, whereas in the past 1 person has carried more of the organisational responsibility and the rest of us turned up to deliver our individual sessions. Under the current arrangements the teaching and delivery is perhaps more joined up from week to week.
- The Sunday School numbers are growing again after quite a dip during last year. We are now regularly having around 15 -20 children attend Sunday School. However from September we had to reduce the number of teaching groups from 3 to 2 because there are only 3 teachers available and we can't all be there every week.
- We would like the PCC to be aware that this is a considerable responsibility to carry between the 3 of us and requires our continual dedication of time and resources to ensure that Sunday School sessions and all extras such as Christmas and Mothers Day contributions to services run smoothly.
- We would ask to be regularly remembered in the prayers of all the PCC members to ask for God's help for us in our task and to keep us encouraged. We need to think and pray as a whole church community for the development and success of the Sunday School in bringing God's message to the younger members of the congregation/ community and building a foundation for their faith for life.
- We would ask all members of the PCC to consider what can be done to increase the level of adult participation in the organisation of the Sunday School sessions. Perhaps a notice could be put in the pew sheet?
- It would be good to encourage the parents of younger children to become involved in the organisation as their children will be the future of the Sunday School.
- Traditionally, we have found that as children progress to secondary school age we have tended to lose them and also their families from regular attendance within our congregation. We would like to consider how children graduate from Sunday School, how this can be marked in some way and how they can be actively included in the main church service to ensure that they continue to feel welcome and involved in worship.