

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN  
TOTS AND TODDLERS ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

Tots and Toddlers is now 12 years old. The Group slowly evolved out of our mainly church based group, and was intended to reach out to more of the community of parents and young children previously beyond our reach. It continues to be very popular, and we have welcomed carers and children from all sections of the community of Riverhead and Dunton Green and beyond. It is especially gratifying when we watch our newborns through to pre-school, and then their younger siblings likewise.

Our formula hasn't changed much over the years, but we do try and adapt to the changes of the group dynamics as they come along. A predominance of little girls is very different to a large group of little boys for example. It may be thought to be sexist, but it is indeed a fact of life that the behaviour and pattern of play for girls and boys does tend to be different! Also a predominance of small babies presents different demands to those of a large group of budding pre-schoolers. However, despite the occasional hiccup we do appear to please most of the children and their parents and carers most of the time!

The Group continues to offer a welcome break on a Monday afternoon for parents and carers (Mums and Dads Grandparents and Nannies) to enjoy a cuppa and a chat in a safe and caring environment, whilst their children play and learn to socialise.

Many thanks to our willing volunteers (many of whom have been with us since the Group's inception) who give their time and energies so diligently week by week, and long may it continue. We are, of course, always in need of more pairs of willing hands, so if anyone has a few hours on a Monday afternoon between 1.00 and 3.45 p.m. please do pop in to the Church Hall. You will be very welcome!

The Tots and Toddlers Team  
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