

**Purpose:** Journeying with children and young people as they discover God's love for them, become disciples of Jesus Christ and develop a relationship with him through the Holy Spirit.

**Values:** At Christ Church, we believe that God loves everyone: all ages, all backgrounds, all situations. We will strive to ensure that all of our children and young people find a safe place to belong and engage with God. Here are six Key Values that underpin our ministry with children and young people.

## The Bible

We believe that the Bible is God's Living Word. We believe that it helps us in life and will therefore teach what the Bible says. From the youngest to the eldest, we will learn from the Bible as we explore and experience Biblical truths.

## Worship and Prayer

Our whole lives should be led in worship of God. We provide regular opportunities for our children and young people to worship God and encourage them to pray, too. We will support them so that they feel able to worship outside of group times and into their daily lives.

## Community

We want to build genuine community with our children and young people through authentic relationships. We care about and value them and will share an interest in things that are important to them. We will create environments where they are able to grow in relationship with one another.

## Fun

We want children and young people to enjoy their time at church. We will be creative, engaging and relevant in all that we do. We will play silly games, tell funny jokes, meet crazy characters and have a great time exploring God's Word and learning more about him.

## Working with Parents/Carers

We recognise that parents and carers need to be a part of this community, and we will partner with them as we disciple our children and young people. We will provide resources to enable parents/carers to journey together at home.

## Safety

We make sure that children & young people are safe. We ensure safe environments for groups/events as well as DBS checks for all volunteers and staff. We have annual safeguarding training and adhere to 'A Safe Church', the Diocese of Southwark safeguarding document.

**Objectives:** At Christ Church, we want our children and young people to

- Grow in knowledge of God and his purposes.
- Understand that God's purposes include a plan for their lives.
- Grow in character and be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.
- Be so in love with Jesus that they can't help but talk about Him with their friends and family.
- Develop generous hearts so that they can be a blessing to God and to his Church.
- Be inspired by the stories they hear from the Bible and their peers so that they dedicate their lives to living boldly for God.