

**Hello**

Summer is on the way and with it some exciting times for our church and for Families@Four. At the beginning of July, we are going to be welcoming our new curate, the Revd Michelle Petch. A curate is a newly-ordained minister. Michelle will be with us at Holy Trinity & St Jude’s full-time for the next 3-4 years, as the final part of her training, before she moves on to her first ‘responsible’ post (as a vicar, or an equivalent role). Michelle has lots of children’s work experience, and I know she is looking forward to getting very involved with Families@Four. Her first service will be the morning service on Sunday 2nd June, which will be a family service, so it would be fantastic to see lots of faces from Families@Four to welcome her.

It’s been a great first few months for Families@Four in its new guise, with faces both familiar and new. Not least, it’s been lovely to see some of our parents getting more involved with things like planning crafts, providing snacks, and even giving us music (thank you, Sean!). If there’s an area in which you’d like to help, do come and talk to me or one of the leaders. We are a family, and we are here to share. But most of all, it’s good to have you with us as all of us, younger and older, come together to learn from one another, and from our amazing God.

God bless, Revd Richard

**Where can you contact us?**

For up-to date information, you can find us on Facebook, join our Whatsapp group or contact Revd Richard on 01422 352446 or via email at richard.frith@holytrinitystjudes.org.uk.

The address of The Vicarage is 9 Love Lane, Halifax HX1 2BQ.

**When do we meet?**

We meet 4-5pm at St Jude’s Church every Sunday with the exception of the main school holidays. This term runs from Sunday April 30th to July 16th. Autumn term starts on Sunday 3rd September.

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**Keeping in touch**

Don’t forget to join our WhatsApp group if you haven’t already done so, and to look out for Holy Trinity & St Jude’s on Facebook.

This term we are also going to be collecting families’ contact details and children’s birthdays (if you’re happy to supply details) so we can celebrate our younger members’ special days.

**Dates to remember**

Sunday 30th April First Families@Four service of the new term

Sunday 7th May All Age Communion service at 10.00am

Sunday 4th June Pentecost – All Age Communion service with Church Parade at 10.00 am

Sunday 11th June Trinity Sunday – All Age Communion service at Holy Trinity Primary

School at 10.00am

24th & 25th June Flower Festival in church on the Saturday and Sunday (Families@Four as usual)

Sunday 2nd July Revd Michelle’s first Sunday with us! All Age Communion service with

Church Parade at 10.00am, followed by welcome party!

Sunday 16th July Last Families@Four of summer term

Sunday 3rd September First Families@Four of autumn term

**What are our themes?**

Until the feast of Pentecost, on 4th June, the Church is in the season of Easter, so we will be looking at some of the stories around Jesus’ resurrection. Then as we move into summer, our theme will be Jesus’ Parables.

**All Age morning services**

As well as our Sunday afternoon services, we have a family service once a month in the morning at 10.00am – usually on the first Sunday of the month. Families@Four will still take place on those dates, but these are times when it is especially good for us all to be together as a whole church family.

**What do we do?**

The service consists of lots of fun activities including;

* ringing the bell
* singing and playing instruments
* interactive prayers and story
* crafts for little fingers.
* snacks and drinks