

CATERHAM TEAM MINISTRY
THE CHURCHES OF ST. PAUL & ST. AGATHA, WOLDINGHAM

FOOTSTEPS

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2017

The 'Footsteps' group has continued to meet regularly at St Paul's:

- on the third Sunday of each month, during the 10am Eucharist. It remains popular with the families of young children in Woldingham and attendance is generally between 10 and 25 children on each occasion. The majority of the children are aged 9 or younger.
- during the year, Footsteps on Friday has come to an end, as the children who had been attending were no longer able to do so. Zsuzsanna Chappell has worked with Rev. Dr Catherine Dowland-Pillinger and they have started a Footsteps coffee morning on Friday mornings instead. Initially, it is monthly.
- The 11.30 service on the first Sunday of each month has continued and is well attended. We have prayers, hymns, a story and discussion and craft. The children receive a blessing.

At every Footsteps session, the children are accompanied throughout by a parent or other adult who is responsible for their care.

The now annual Nativity Play had a large cast. A lot of the Footsteps children also took part in the Harvest Festival and Mothering Sunday services.

Adopting the format we followed in the last three years, we plan to have an extra Footsteps workshop on Good Friday, which will end with a short all-ages service.

This year, the Footsteps group took part in the monthly Good Causes project, fundraising for The Children's Society.

The Brownies have joined us for some of the Footsteps sessions.

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