

## **Children and Youth**



## Parish of Norton

### Sunday School – known as Sunday Dragons

#### Sunday Dragons

Sunday Dragons meet at 9.15am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, just before our main service at 9.30am. It is a fantastic opportunity for pre-school to Year 8 children to have fun and make new friends whilst learning more about God, the Bible and faith. We do this together in creative ways with stories, songs, crafts and activities.

### **Dragonflies**

Our 0-3 years Dragonflies meet, with their parents, in the Lady Chapel as the service begins at 9.30am, on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We play, do crafts and colouring, listen to stories, sing and pray together, as well as making new friends. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dragonflies meet together with Sunday Dragons, in the Hall at 9.15am.

If children over 3 wish to join Dragonflies when Dragons is not running, they are welcome, accompanied by their parents. For school age children, there are activity bags at the back of church, which children can use.









### **Communion**

We prepare children for Communion before Confirmation at our churches.



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## It's exciting

Toddler at Nippers



Aspire Aspire is a group for Year 5 and above. It is a fun, active group of young people, who enjoy activities ranging from cooking to high ropes. They meet monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month, from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Loft, to talk about faith. There are also opportunities for them to be in a Music Club, a Drama Club and a Puppet Team.

### Messy Church



Messy church is run once every school holiday. We

run it with Norton Methodist church, alternating

venues, as part of Churches together. This is very popular with the local community; parents often book a place for their child immediately after an event they have attended for the next one. This is aimed at school-age children although we do have many pre-school children attending as well.







### **Norton Nippers**

Norton Nippers is a Toddler group which meets in the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoons, during term time. We cater for pre-school children between 0 and 4years and their carers. In fact the youngest baby we have had was just 3 weeks old!

We have a variety of toys available, catering for the interests of all our young visitors. Alongside this we provide craft activities. In addition there is time for the carers to chat and relax, getting to know each other and the team, over a cup of tea and cake. Snacks are also available for the children.

At the end of the afternoon, we have a short time of singing and celebrating any birthdays that occur. Before we go home we say a short prayer with our 'prayer bear' and sing 'Jesus' love is very wonderful.'





