

Admission to the St Laurence Schools

- If you are interested in school admission for your child please contact the schools directly for more information.
- The church maintains an attendance register for those parents wishing to apply for admittance to the St Laurence Schools under the church attendance criteria.
- Please ask the churchwarden to enter your child's name onto the church attendance register and complete and return the registration letter the churchwarden will give you.
- It is your responsibility to complete the attendance register each week at the end of the service.
- Parents are reminded that an attendance must be that of at least one parent accompanied by the child who requires the school place.



Supporting our church

Our church is financed entirely by the donations of those who attend services here.

Our yearly running costs exceed £99,000. We are grateful to the many volunteers who give their time and support free of charge.

- The best way to support our ministry is to join the **Planned Giving** scheme and donate by standing order.
- *Or* Text STLAURENCE to **70085** to make a £5 donation:
- *Or* at each service there is a collection. You can donate by cash or card.
- If you are a UK tax payer please consider **Gift Aiding** your donation. This enables us to reclaim the income tax you have paid, which provides additional valuable income. **Single gift aid envelopes** are available by the church entrance.
- You will find **Planned Giving and Gift Aid Information Packs** on the display board by the church entrance.

If further information is required or you wish to speak confidentially to Canon Janet, the Church Wardens or request a home visit please contact Lorraine, our Parish Administrator, at our Parish Office
0121 475 1518
email: stlaurence@btconnect.com

The Parish Church of St Laurence, Northfield



Parents and Family Information Sheet

Welcome to our church

This leaflet has been created with the help of attending parents and children. Further suggestions are always welcome.

What takes place in our church on Sunday?

There are two services every Sunday:

8:30am Holy Communion Service

- This is traditionally a quiet service with no music or hymns lasting about 45 minutes
- A Sunday School is available for young children (not on the 2nd and 4th Sunday)

10:00am Holy Communion Service

- This is our main service with hymns and music
- This service usually lasts about 80 minutes with tea and coffee served at the end (a small donation is requested).
- Sunday Schools are available for children of all ages. (Not on 2nd Sunday Family Service)

8.30am every 4th Sunday Rise and Shine!

- An informal service at the Pastoral Service with drinks and snacks
- For children and their families

There will be other special services and an Exploring Faith course during the year which will also count towards the attendance total.

If Church services are cancelled then the school governors may review the number of attendances required to meet the criteria. This will be announced on the school and Church website and also communicated to parents who have submitted signature forms.

What happens during the service?

- **As you enter church** a welcomer will greet you and hand you the service books for the service.
- **A churchwarden** is usually in this area and can answer any queries you may have.
- **Please sit wherever** you wish in the church.
- **The service will begin** with the priest processing into the church.
- **At the end of the first section** of the service the children will be invited to join the Sunday School and will go into the vestries.
- **One parent is very welcome** to accompany their child into the Sunday School until their child is confident to stay on their own.
- **Our Sunday Schools** are run by DBS checked leaders in accordance with the national Church of England guidelines and follow a biblical scheme of activities.
- **The children rejoin their parents** in the service when the congregation is invited to go to the altar to receive communion or a blessing.
- **All parents and children are very welcome** to go up to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. Please take your service book if you wish to receive a blessing only.

Children in Church



1. **In the far corner** of the church is the door to the vestry where there is a toilet with baby changing facilities. Please feel free to go and use these facilities whenever you need. A bin is available to dispose of nappies - please do not flush nappies down the toilet!
2. **A Disabled toilet** is available in the Pastoral Centre. Please ask a Churchwarden for access arrangements.
3. **Many parents have found** that if you sit in the main body of the church towards the front your child can see what is taking place which enables them to become more involved in the service.
4. **In the left side aisle** is a children's book and quiet toy area. Toys/ books can be borrowed and taken back to your seats.
5. **We ask that children** are not left unsupervised.
6. **If your child becomes agitated** or distressed and you need some quiet time please take them into the vestries or, weather permitting, outside for a few minutes. It does not matter how many times you have to do this.
7. **We ask that children** do not run around or shout during the service.