

### **Facebook page**

This is a closed group. If you would like to be part of this group please tick the box on the admission form & you will be invited to join.

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Our purpose is to be a loving, supportive, inclusive group where children, parents and carers enjoy playing, meeting and interacting with each other in a Christian environment.

### **Other activities you may be interested in:**

#### **Girls' Brigade**

This is a group for girls aged 4-18 year olds on Thursday evenings.

#### **Sunday Services**

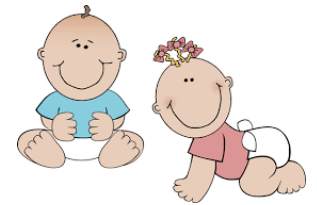
You and your family are also welcome to the Sunday services held at 10.30am and 6.30pm at the Church Centre. During the morning service there is a crèche for the under 2's & various age related groups for the 2 – 16 year olds. For more information about the Church please contact the Church office on 01235 813187.

#### **Coffee Break**

Come and join us on Monday mornings between 10.00am and 12.30pm for refreshments and cakes at a reasonable cost.



## *Welcome to Stepping Stones Toddler and Baby group*



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Toddler Group  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9.30am – 11.15am (Term time only)

Baby group  
Wednesday 1.00pm - 2.30pm (term time only)

*Meeting at  
Didcot Baptist Church  
Wantage Road  
Office tel. 01235 813187*

**Welcome** to Stepping Stones Toddler and Baby Group. The Toddlers group is for birth – 4 year olds & Baby group is for babies from birth – 2 years (sibling up to 2 years welcome). Both groups are run by a paid leader and a group of volunteers. We are a church-based group that is supported by friends and family at Didcot Baptist Church. We hope that you'll feel at home here and make some new friends.

### A typical session:

#### Toddlers session

We run a fairly structured session here at Toddler group.

- 9.30 Time for open play This includes table activities and large equipment like a slide & trampoline.
- 10.10 Drinks & biscuits for everyone preceded by a simple prayer with the children - we ask that you encourage your child to join in by joining in yourselves. Once a term we have fruit instead of biscuits.
- 10.30 Craft activity - these activities are designed for you and your child to do together so please supervise your child with the activity if you are able to do so. Help is always on hand for those who can't.
- 10.45 In the dry weather we have access to an enclosed garden with a slide, play house and a variety of ride on toys. We also use balls & hoops.
- 11.00 Tidy up time - We encourage the children to help with this.
- 11.15 Home time.

#### Baby group session

- 1.00 We provide soft rugs on the floor and a relaxed atmosphere where adults can sit with their babies and chat to each other. A selection of baby & toddler toys is available. On a separate mat there are slides & rockers. Also available are ride on toys and baby walkers for those that are more mobile.
- 1.30 We provide hot or cold drinks for adults & babies as well as biscuits for everyone.
- 2.20 We tidy the toys away and finish off with a time of singing and action songs that you can do with your baby.
- 2.30 Home time.

#### Messy Play session.

This happens on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of each month. A selection of messy activities is available alongside the normal session. this includes jelly which they can sit in, dry cereal, rice or pasta, shredded paper, paint & water.

#### Sensory sessions.

These sessions take place twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week. in the main hall we have rain makers, play mats, noise blocks & a ball pool. We also use a small room where we have twinkly lights, a fibre optic lamp & a bubble tube. There are also scarves and various hanging objects like corks and bottle tops.

#### How to find us:

We meet in the Harry Lewis Hall at Didcot Baptist Church Centre. Follow the path to the left of the building (if standing looking at the building), you will walk around the back of the church, enter through the double glass doors and turn left into the carpeted corridor & then turn right into the hall.

**Please fasten the green gate securely behind you with both catches.**

#### Fees:

A charge of £2.50 per family (1 Adult & 2 children + 50p per additional child.) is made for attending the groups. This helps us to cover the cost of the Team leader, refreshments and craft materials. It also covers a Christmas present & bible story books throughout the year.

#### Facilities:

- A changing area is available inside the disabled toilet in the entrance corridor.
- Please place bagged dirty nappies in the bin provided.
- If you need to warm baby milk please ask a member of the team for assistance.
- Pushchairs can be put in the small room behind the toddler hall. (If your child is asleep, please feel free to bring them into the hall in their pushchair)

#### Additional information

We are proud of the fact that we are an inclusive group and in order to maintain that, we limit our numbers to 30 children in a Toddler session. If you are unable to join us for a period of time, please let us know. If there is anything we can do to help you, please speak to one of the team.

We would like to remind you that whilst you are at the Toddler or Baby group, you are responsible for your own children. The team are very willing to help out as necessary, but do have to coordinate the session as well.

We will try & do a fire drill once a term. When the alarm is raised, please leave the building promptly, taking your child / children with you. Do not wait to collect belongings or coats. Leave via the fire door in the hall or nearest exit. Assemble in the church car park and the register will be taken. We appreciate your cooperation with these safety measures.