

Sunday J Club Report for APCM 2020

Activities for children in Carillon Cottage during the 10am Sunday morning services have continued throughout the year. Three groups - Kindle, Flame and Blaze - meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and attendance in each group varies from 2 to 9 children. Children aged 3 to 11 yrs are catered for; most who come are in the 5-9 yrs age range.

In December 2019 the on-line Scripture Union resources, which were easy and free to access, and which we had used very successfully for some years, closed down. Since then, Sunday J Club leaders have used archive resources, and a subscription to *Roots* (on-line and in magazine format) has been purchased. The aim has been to follow the teaching covered by the adults in the service, based either on the Gospel reading for the day or the topic of the special sermon series. The aim is always to capture the basic truth of the lesson through readings, discussion, games and fun craft activities applicable to the age group. Children are becoming more used to showing off what they have learned at the front of the church at the end of the services and applause is very gratifying and encouraging for the children and their leaders alike!

In March 2020 Sunday J Club had to close due to lockdown. However, short on-line sessions are being delivered on the website for the 2nd and 4th Sundays, from September 2020 until we can meet in person once again. For any children who are in attendance at Sunday church services, there are worksheets and resources provided for them to use.

A faithful team of leaders has supported this work during the year: Mary Trippett, Sally Gower, Penny Pulman, Rob Andrew, and Penny Dobson. As always, more help is always welcome!

Lynda Wight for the Sunday J Club team