



TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER- DECEMBER 2024

Hampstead Parish Church is an inclusive church in the Anglican tradition. We welcome all children, parents, and carers to our services. As well as Junior Church and All Age Services, there is a play area in the south chapel, with children's materials that all are welcome to use during any of our services and when visiting during church opening hours.

For more up to date information on church services, events and activities do sign up to the church newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

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September

1	ALL AGE SERVICE IN CHURCH	Backpack Sunday
8	JUNIOR CHURCH	Favouritism forbidden / Graveyards Autumn Watch (under 5s)
15	JUNIOR CHURCH	What comes out when you are squeezed? / Graveyards Autumn Watch (over 5s)
22	JUNIOR CHURCH	Choosing God, choosing wisdom
29	JUNIOR CHURCH	Feast of St Michael and All Angels

October

6	JUNIOR CHURCH	Dedication Sunday
13	ALL AGE SERVICE IN CHURCH	Harvest Sunday & Blessing of the Animals
20	JUNIOR CHURCH	Do you know who I am?
27	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	Last Sunday after Trinity

November

3	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	All Saints
10	JUNIOR CHURCH	Remembrance Sunday - Poppy Making
17	JUNIOR CHURCH	Admission to Communion Preparation for ages 8+
24	JUNIOR CHURCH	Admission to Communion Preparation for Ages 8+ Christ the King - Crown Making

December

1	ALL AGE SERVICE IN CHURCH	Admission to Communion Service & Party
8	JUNIOR CHURCH	Christingle
15	JUNIOR CHURCH	Joyful news?
22	TERM FINISHED/HOLIDAYS	Advent 4
24	CRIB SERVICE @4.30pm	Christmas Eve
25	TERM FINISHED/HOLIDAYS	Christmas Day
29	TERM FINISHED/HOLIDAYS	Christmas 1

We warmly invite new volunteers to join our growing and enthusiastic team

Our goal is to help our young people explore their own faith together with their families in a safe, nurturing, and above all, fun environment. We welcome offers of help from all generations and you certainly don't need to be a parent.

Experience is not a pre-requisite! Resources are provided and we will ease you in gently by pairing with other leaders initially. All that's required is enthusiasm and a desire to share what your own Christian faith means to you with the next generation. All of our leaders and volunteers are DBS checked.

What's on Offer for Children and Young People at Hampstead Parish Church

We have an energetic and exciting Junior Church lead by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. We make full use of our beautiful outside space in the graveyard whenever we can, and special events have included a pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey, bell ringing, a roving passion play, seasonal parties and much more. All are welcome to come and join us!

All Age Eucharists

Approximately 6 times a year we hold a service which is somewhat adapted so that all ages can enjoy a full service. The children's groups will not take place on these weeks - see term card for dates.

Sunday mornings:

Families are encouraged to start off in the morning service together with the rest of the congregation. After the first hymn, children are invited to make their way down to the crypt for the children's groups.

There is also a more relaxed area at the front of the church where children can colour, read or play during the service if they prefer.

Midweek (during term time):

Holy Hamsters Midweek Group meets on Tuesdays during term time, in church, from 9:45am until 11am. For under 5's and their parents or carers. All welcome!

SUNDAY JUNIOR CHURCH GROUPS

Holy Hamsters (Crypt Room) - Under 5's

A relaxed group for young children and carers. The session usually includes music, crafts and story time plus snacks for little ones and coffee for tired mums and dads!

St Matthew's Group - Years 1-3 & St Luke's Group - Years 4-6 (Gregory & Allatson Rooms)

Aimed at primary school-aged children, these groups offer more in the way of exploring what the bible is telling us and starting to think about the children's own journey with faith. We understand that children want to have fun as well as learn, and we always include lots of crafts and games in the sessions.

St John's Group (Choir vestry) - Year 7 & Above

Children and young people aged 11+ are invited to join this discussion group when the choir leaves for their break during the service.

Sacred Space - Sunday Evening Youth Group - Year 9 & Above

This small but dedicated group lead by our clergy meets on Sundays, once a month. Updates to follow. Please email vestry@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk for more information.

Junior Choir

Since 1945, our junior choir has been at the heart of HPC's musical life, and several of our children who started as little 8 year olds have gone on to study music at university, or even become professional musicians.

The children rehearse on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings and sing alongside the professional adult singers during services.

As well as receiving an incredible, free musical education, and being part of a lovely inclusive group of children, they also receive weekly choir pay!

If you have a musical child age 8 or over who you think would enjoy being part of this really special opportunity, email courtney@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk who will connect you with our choir master.

Holy Hamsters



Tuesday Mornings

9:45am - 11am

During Term Time

Playtime, Stories, Coffee, and Chat for
Babies, Toddlers, and their Carers

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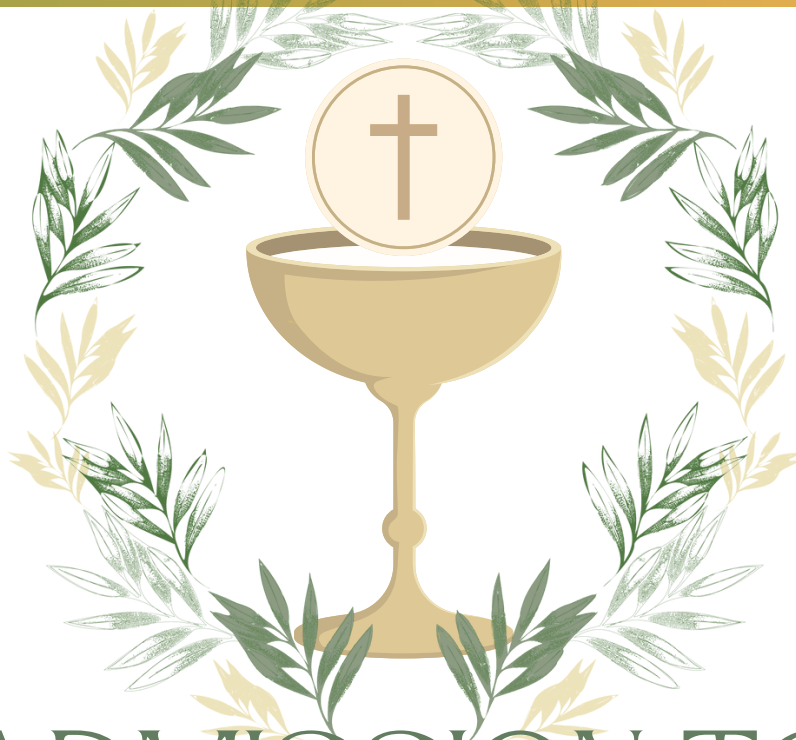
All Welcome

£2 Suggested Donation



RESUMING
10TH SEPTEMBER





ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Children in Year 3 and older who have been baptised are warmly invited to be Admitted to receive Holy Communion. This will take place on Advent Sunday during the 10.30am service. Preparation classes will take place on the 17th and 24th of November as part of the Junior Church schedule. Please let us know if your child is interested in taking part.