



## ***TERM DATES***

# ***JANUARY - APRIL 2025***

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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## January

5	SERVICE IN CHURCH	Epiphany with Blessing of the Chalks
12	JUNIOR CHURCH	The Baptism of Christ
19	JUNIOR CHURCH	Journey of the Magi*
26	JUNIOR CHURCH	Good News for Everybody

## February

2	ALL AGE SERVICE IN CHURCH	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
9	JUNIOR CHURCH	Whom Shall I Send?
16	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	1st Sunday before Lent
23	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	2nd Sunday before Lent

## March

2	ALL AGE SERVICE IN CHURCH	Transfiguration
9	JUNIOR CHURCH	The First Sunday of Lent
16	JUNIOR CHURCH	Now and Not Yet
23	JUNIOR CHURCH	Repentance & Second Chances
30	JUNIOR CHURCH	Mothering Sunday

**\*A professional storyteller, Vanessa Woolf, will be visiting St Mathew's and St Luke's groups to tell the story, *The Journey of the Magi*. For more details about Vanessa, please visit [londondreamtime.com](http://londondreamtime.com).**

# April

6	TERM FINISHED / HOLIDAYS	Lent 5
13	TERM FINISHED / HOLIDAYS	Palm Sunday
20	TERM FINISHED / HOLIDAYS	Easter Sunday
27	JUNIOR CHURCH	Locking and Unlocking

## **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**

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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:courtney@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk) who will connect you with our choir master.



# ***MESSY CATHEDRAL 2025***

## **SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

### **Messy Cathedral is back at St Paul's!**

On Saturday 15th February, we will be having a Junior Church outing to St Paul's Cathedral for Messy Cathedral. It's a lovely morning of craft activities, story telling, and dressing up which culminates in a short family service at the end. The children can enjoy feeling like VIPs in the cathedral and are free to explore. We will meet at 9.15am at HPC to travel together by tube.

#### **Timings on the day**

10:15 am Doors open for ticket holders

10:30 am to 12:00 pm Activities for ages 5 to 12

12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Family-friendly Eucharist where everyone is welcome!

***Please RSVP by email  
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***'LUMINOUS' BY LUXMURALIS***  
**FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**  
***A JUNIOR CHURCH OUTING***  
***FOR 11-14 YEAR OLDS***

**Prepare to see St Paul's in a whole new light**

Transforming the interior of this iconic London landmark, the event offers a breathtaking fusion of art, sound, and architecture. Taking inspiration from the Cathedral's rich history, collections and archive, this immersive event will delight and captivate audiences of all ages. This will be an evening event, timings are TBC.

**Tickets: £20 per child**

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