



JUNIOR CHURCH TERM DATES

2025/2026

The Parish Church of St John-at-Hampstead 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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August

31	SERVICE IN CHURCH (NO GROUPS)	Trinity 11
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September

7	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	Backpack Sunday
14	JUNIOR CHURCH	Trinity 13
21	JUNIOR CHURCH	Autumn Graveyard Watch (under 5s)
28	JUNIOR CHURCH	Meet the Bees/ Confirmation Prep

October

5	JUNIOR CHURCH	Harvest Graveyard Watch (over 5s)/ Confirmation Prep
12	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	Harvest Sunday & Blessing of the Animals
19	JUNIOR CHURCH	Trinity 18/ Confirmation Prep
26	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	Last Sunday after Trinity

November

2	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	All Saints' Sunday & Confirmation Service
9	JUNIOR CHURCH	Remembrance Sunday - Poppy Making
16	JUNIOR CHURCH	The 2nd Sunday before Advent
23	JUNIOR CHURCH	Christ the King - Crown Making
30	JUNIOR CHURCH	Christingle

December

7	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	Advent 2
14	JUNIOR CHURCH /END OF TERM	Christmas Crafts & Carols
21	SERVICE IN CHURCH (NO GROUPS)	Advent 4
24	CRIB SERVICE at 4.30pm	Christmas Eve
25	SERVICE IN CHURCH (NO GROUPS)	Christmas Day
28	SERVICE IN CHURCH (NO GROUPS)	Christmas 1

January

4	SERVICE IN CHURCH (NO GROUPS)	Epiphany with Blessing of the Chalks
11	JUNIOR CHURCH	The Baptism of Christ
18	JUNIOR CHURCH	Epiphany 2
25	JUNIOR CHURCH	Epiphany 3

February

1	JUNIOR CHURCH	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
8	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	2 before Lent
15	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	1 before Lent
22	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	The First Sunday of Lent

March

1	JUNIOR CHURCH	Lent 2
8	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	Lent 3
15	JUNIOR CHURCH	Mothering Sunday
22	JUNIOR CHURCH	Junior Church Passion Play
29	TERM FINISHED / HOLIDAYS	Palm Sunday

April

5	TERM FINISHED / HOLIDAYS	Easter Sunday
12	TERM FINISHED / HOLIDAYS	Easter 2
19	JUNIOR CHURCH	Easter 3
26	JUNIOR CHURCH	Easter 4

May

3	JUNIOR CHURCH	Easter 5
10	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	Easter 6
17	JUNIOR CHURCH	Sunday after Ascension Day
24	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	Pentecost
31	HALF TERM (NO GROUPS)	Trinity Sunday

June

7	JUNIOR CHURCH	Trinity 1/ Admission to Communion prep
14	JUNIOR CHURCH	Trinity 2/ Admission to Communion prep
21	ALL AGE EUCHARIST	Admission to Communion service
28	JUNIOR CHURCH	Trinity 4

July

5	JUNIOR CHURCH	Trinity 5
12	JUNIOR CHURCH (LAST DAY OF TERM)	Trinity 6

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.

Serving

At our All Age Eucharists, children take part by doing the readings, serving, and leading the intercessions. At our regular services, children are welcome to serve at the altar — full training is provided. We're always glad to welcome new members to the team! Please email vestry@hampsteadparishchurch.org.uk if your child is interested in joining the serving team.

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.

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.

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.