

# Toddlers@Knox's St. Vigeans & Knox's Churches

## Newsletter December 2011



Well Christmas has come rushing round and yet again has surprised us. The parties this year kick off on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm at Wetherspoons. This is of course for the adults, both youngish and more

mature. We can either have food or just a drink. I think I will definitely do both as I do like to EAT drink & be merry but since it is in spoons every one can decide for themselves.

The kids parties are on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, There will be a special visitor coming along on the day and one of our parents has kindly offered to do some balloon art for us. A big Thank you to Gavin in advance. The party's will be our last toddler day until we start up again in January.

Toddlers@Knox's is part of the church but it is owned and run by the carers of toddlers if you have any ideas that you would like to try out please let us know. If there is a toy that your little one likes and you think we should get, again let us know so we can buy it. We now have 4 high chairs and a microwave so if your wee one needs to eat while at toddlers they can. We do try to keep prams in the back room but if your tiny tot is sleeping feel free to bring them in in their pram to sleep.



### Song Time

We hope to have some song sheets for after New Year so if your child has a favourite let us know and we can add it to the sheet. Meanwhile here is the words to Sleeping Bunnies.

See the little bunnies, sleep until its nearly noon.  
Come & let us gently wake them with a merry tune.  
Oh how still, are they ill, wake up soon, Ssh.

WAKE UP LITTLE BUNNIES.

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.  
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.  
Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop.  
Hop little bunnies, hop, & Stop.



If your toddler is moving on to pastures new then we would like to thank you for coming & making toddlers great. We hope that you have enjoyed your time with us. Please let Gail know that you will be leaving to allow her time to adjust the waiting list.

If you are a family who is having difficult using your place as often as you would like to please speak to Gail about it. We do currently have a waiting list and it would be nice for each place at toddlers to be used as much as possible.

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### Toilet Time

There are steps, potties & toilet rings in both the ladies toilets and disabled toilet if your child is at that stage. If not we recently moved the changing mat and extra nappies & wipes into the disabled toilet. This is to allow the church to revamp the back room into a meeting area. Nappies can be disposed of in the outside bin which is usually next to the ramp.



Sometimes it may be missing on bin day (or if I forget to wheel it round.:)

### Finances

Both Knox's & St. Vigeans churches are very committed to toddlers and have agreed to pay our insurance, hall hire and utilities, this means that we are able to keep toddlers affordable for everyone. As a thank you for this commitment we held our Toy Sale and Coffee Morning and gave all the proceeds to the churches. We raised the grand total of £320 on the day.



It was because of the enormous support from so many toddlers folk that it was such a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated toys and baking, helped man stalls on the day & came along with families to spend their money. The hall was full of buzz and there was a great atmosphere. The kids all had a ball with biscuit decorating and face painting available. Everyone made a great effort and enjoyed themselves.

Nicola will be sorting out the finances over the next few weeks and it is really helpful when we are able to pay our £1 monthly or termly in advance. It means that she can get the money banked all at one time rather than running back and forward. If possible please consider paying monthly or termly, any overpayment will be reimbursed to you at the beginning of the next term.

Toddlers@Knox's will be making a donation to children in need on your behalf. Thank you for coming in your Pjs and making the day a bit different.

### Recommended by....

Verdant Works and Discovery in Dundee give you a years pass for the cost of a day ticket. This means that if you buy a joint day ticket for both places you can then visit them any time in the next year for free. Kids and adults alike can enjoy themselves with loads of interactive displays. This is definitely one to do on a rainy day in the holidays.

### Church Events

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December Nativity 10am Knox's, 11.30am at St. Vigeans. Bring your children dressed as Shepherds or Angels so that they can take part in the festivities.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6pm. St. Vigeans Family Service. Come along and see how good you are at making Christingles.

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11am Knox's Family Service.  
Bring a toy with you and let folk know how busy Santa  
has been.

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