

North Samford Benefice, Sproughton CofE, Tattingstone VC, Bentley VC & Copdock Schools Partnership

Family@Church
(from an idea by Revd Carl Melville.)
Quality refreshments on offer!
A particular success at Tattingstone
where there have been requests from
five children to be Confirmed.
"Commitment shouldn't be measured
by Sunday morning attendance..."

Messy Church
Twice a year. 90 participants (50 children
plus their parents /carers)

Toddlers
Monday mornings. 25 toddlers. Retired
parishioners involved in clearing /washing-up

Gifts
Gifts for Leavers:
Friendship Bands
'Holding' Crosses
'Moving On' books
Gifts for Toddlers:
Pouch containing a cross

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more about our work

Rationale and Priorities:
WORKING WITH PEOPLE / BUILDING TEAMS

A focus on community cohesion

Incumbent's relationship with families based around
trust and commitment
Various members of the church community are involved
in outreach work in different ways according to their
individual gifts
Lay Elders are trained appropriately
The Benefice schools are prayed for regularly
A retired parishioner reads stories online to the children
Sproughton children experience bell ringing and candle
lighting. They speak with the verger about their role.
Foundation Governor takes on a welfare-focused
support role in school
Altar cloth made with children of Sproughton and
Copdock schools.

Open The Book

Four OTB teams, one per school.
Three deliver assemblies every
other week, one delivers
assemblies 4-5 times per term.
Children involved in drama

Choir

Involves school choir and Music Teacher.
Choir involved in church weddings, village
fete and pastoral teas for the elderly

Annual Experience Days

(Based around the 'Jumping Fish' materials)
Focus days which enable children to engage in the
events and celebrations of major Christian
festivals. Children travel around stations set up in
the church building and respond through multi-
sensory activities

ECO Schools & Wildlife

ECO Awards held by two
churches helped by the ECO-
committees in school
Wildlife: Where to observe - On
the school site or in a
churchyard?

Christmas and Harvest

Children involved in planning and leading the
church Christmas services
Toddlers have made gifts to distribute to older
members of the communities, eg. Christmas
decorated stones, mini harvest baskets, pictures
and cards
Bi-annual Christingle and workshop to make
Christingles. Children clear on the elements of
the Christingle
Posada featuring knitted figurines, once
presented in school the Verger takes knitted
donkey home then children take it in turns to
do so. Diary kept up-to-date
Three Kings perspex stained glass windows
painted by pupils with members of the
community. Backlit every Christmas in
Sproughton church. School banner designed by
the pupils and created by a member of
Sproughton church. Banner, diary and photos
mark the occasion