

## **Provision for Families at Godalming Unitarians from September 2018**

**We seek to be a chapel that welcomes families, and hope to offer an inclusive community for all ages. Provision for children is kept under review according to changing needs.**

**On 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month** (excluding August) the children join the adults for the first part of the service in the chapel, which includes a story - before leaving for their own structured activities in the hall - led by DBS checked volunteers.

**On 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month** - during February, April, June, September and November there is an All Age Service in the chapel, suitable for all the family. These are sometimes followed by shared lunches.

On other 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays (except August and December) there is a story that children can enjoy, and families are welcome to sit in the gallery for the rest of the service, where colouring, books and toys are provided.

***Please note:*** Children under 4 (and older children with disabilities) in the Hall activities, and under 12 in the Gallery, need to be accompanied by a parent/ responsible adult.

***There may occasionally be other special services suitable for families (i.e. Café Church or Christmas Carol service) These are highlighted in the calendar on the chapel website.***

**1st and 3rd Sundays** sometimes include a story, although with a range of visiting preachers we cannot guarantee this. Parents are welcome to sit in the gallery with their children, on the understanding these services are more geared towards adults.

**On 5th Sundays** (and occasionally at other times) we have Alternative services with meditation, longer periods of silence, during which we ask parents to be especially mindful of noise levels.

*If parents are concerned that their child is getting restless or noisy, there is some scope to use the rooms behind the Gallery, or you can go to the hall where more toys are available (a key is normally kept in the chapel lobby - please ask!)*

**If you have any questions please speak to one of the following people:**

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