



Families of all shapes and sizes are a big part of our church family. We believe that God designed family life, that it brings many joys but is not always easy!

The Bible teaching at our Sunday services and Small Groups is designed to help us understand God's purpose for us and how it relates to daily family life.

As a church we are also passionate about helping local families in practical ways and run activities designed specifically for them.



Families & Tots

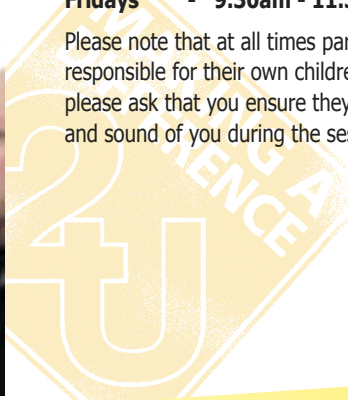
Families & Tots provides a safe place for children to play and an opportunity for parents and carers to build friendships. The group is run on a voluntary basis by ladies who have had children and experienced many of the stages – both good and bad – that you may be going through with your child. **Families & Tots** is therefore an opportunity to share joys and chat through any worries.

There are two **Families & Tots** sessions per week:

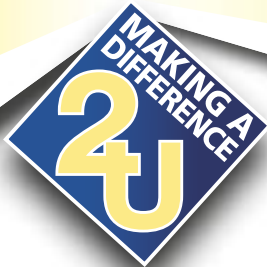
Thursdays - 9.30am - 11.30am

Fridays - 9.30am - 11.30am

Please note that at all times parents remain responsible for their own children and so we would please ask that you ensure they are within sight and sound of you during the session.



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Families & Tots *continued*

The group occupies several different rooms in the church complex, providing a variety of activities for the children:

- Large Lounge** - children's bikes, cars, slides, climbing frames, messy area for painting, playdough and crayoning
- Small Lounge** - small children's toys
- Foyer Area** - tea, coffee and refreshments (served from 10.15am)

If you would like to attend please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office on **01702 292620**.

Little Fishes Pre-School

Little Fishes Pre-School serves the local community by providing early years care for children from two and a half to five years. Due to Government funding we are pleased to say that there are no fees to pay from the term after your child turns three.

We provide **high quality care** in a safe and secure environment, made possible by a **well-trained, highly motivated and dedicated team**. The children are offered a challenging and rewarding curriculum set around monthly topics, which follows the Foundation Stage Curriculum and covers the Early Learning Goals. **The Pre-School** also arranges outings, special events and healthy snacks for the children. This is all set in an environment with a strong Christian ethos and social interaction between the children's peers and adults.

Sessions times run:

9.15am - 11.45am Monday to Friday, and three afternoons per week

The pre-school committee also run an **Alpha Course** for staff and parents.

Little Fishes is Ofsted regulated and the latest report can be downloaded from the **Little Fishes** webpage: www.shoeburybaptistchurch.org.uk/pages/little-fishes.html

We are delighted that the Pre-School is very highly thought of locally and we would love your children to be part of what we are doing.



Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. We hope you will see that our church activities are here for you and your family. We would love to welcome you to one of our sessions.

*For further information, please contact the Reception Desk on a Sunday or the church office by phone: **01702 292620**
email: office@shoeburybaptistchurch.org.uk*

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