

**IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION**



**CONTACT DETAILS**

**Course Leader**  
**Mrs J Waters**  
**Mobile: 07962949942**

This telephone number is provided for adults.  
We are not permitted to receive text or phone calls  
from Young People under the Safeguarding  
Regulations.

**You can also contact**

**Email: [stjames.birstall@btconnect.com](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com)**

**Or Rosemary Parrott, Families Team Leader  
on 07811662235.**

If you are unable to come to a session, need the  
homework, or have any other query, please ask we  
would be pleased to help.

**Course Calendars and basic information  
are published on our website**

**[www.Birstall.org](http://www.Birstall.org)**

# **The Parish of Birstall and Wanlip**



## **Welcome to the Lord's Table**

A recognised course by the Church of England  
to prepare children and young people  
(aged 7 and above) to receive their  
First Holy Communion.  
(Baptism & Confirmation can be arranged)

## The Course

The course has 8 sessions, over 8 months, in the pattern set out on the back page of the leaflet. The course provides the basic tenets of the Christian faith, and explores the parts of the Eucharist Service. The course uses Bible readings, prayers, talking and sharing in a group, and taking part in the church service.

The course is run by experienced Lay Teachers, with all materials provided at no financial cost. Jesus died for us all and rose again; God asks each of us to make a response (promise) to believe in him. The course helps children and young people understand what this means for them, and provides a foundation for their Christian journey throughout their life.

The normal All Age Sunday School will be run for all children not on the course, on 2nd - 5th Sunday of each month. The first Sunday of the month is an All Together Service (modern/informal) on a theme, with some special celebration services during the terms, in the Church calendar. We encourage you to take part in these.

## Course Times

**9.55:** *to be seated in Church ready to start for 10.00 and sing the first hymn.*

**10.00 - 10.40:** *Course teaching in the Church Office. You will join the main service near the end.*

**10.00:** All services start at this time, unless otherwise stated.

**11.00 - 12.00** *Fellowship time and refreshments.*

## Homework

*Homework: Something to read, think about or do is given where there is a break, which will be a month, or, over Christmas, two months.*

## Workbooks

Each child has its own workbook to record the answers. They can share what they have been doing with you. When they stay in the Eucharist Service, there are child-friendly guide books and workbooks to help them think about what they are hearing and doing.

## Attendance

We ask your child(ren) to attend as many of the sessions as possible. In this way, they gain a more rounded understanding of what they are learning, to form their beliefs, and develop their spirituality.

## Register

We are obliged by the Diocese/Parish and safety requirements to take a register.

## Notification of absences

These must be notified to us by email to [stjames.birstall@btconnect.com](mailto:stjames.birstall@btconnect.com), or you can text or telephone the Sunday School Leader on 07811662235.

## Adult Support

Whether you are a parent, carer, grandparent, godparent or other supporter of the child(ren), it is important that you accompany them to church. Giving your child your blessing helps them settle down and enjoy it, and you can talk about it afterwards.

## Data Form

We have a special form to keep families' details. This information enables us to contact you, and gear up any care or teaching for child(ren) to meet their individual needs. These details are confidential and not shared with anyone other than those who have direct responsibility for your child's well-being.

## Home Visits

If you have any concerns that you feel haven't been dealt with by the course tutors, the clergy are available for home visits by arrangement.

## Clergy

The Rector and any priests within the parish, are always available to any Parishioners who wish to talk about anything of concern to them.

## Course Agreement

We ask you and your child(ren), of appropriate age, to complete this with your tutors. We will give you work to do if you cannot attend a session, to enable you to keep up. If you/your child decides the course is not for you, or you need to withdraw at any time, we will credit completed weeks against any future course. You can ask the tutors, Janet Waters or Theresa Harding, for a chat about how your child is doing or discuss any questions or concerns you may have. This can be done confidentially after the service.

## Can I join in other Christian Worship?

In God's mega family, there is always plenty of choice to worship. If you cannot make some of our services and want to supplement your course by going to other churches, please discuss this with us first. If there are particular needs, we will try to accommodate this. We do encourage the children/young people to learn together as a group, with the congregation of the church they belong to.