

## WHAT HAPPENS IN CHURCH ?

The **key time on Sundays** is **10.00am**. On most Sundays this is a service of the **Eucharist** (also called **Holy Communion**). We hear the Scriptures and reflect on them, and then break Bread and share the Cup of wine as Christians have done from the very beginning. This is a real meeting with the grace and love of God in Jesus conveyed to us through the bread and wine. It is the centre of our Christian lives, for here we find the strength for our ministries and here we believe we are being transformed into the people God calls us to be. We celebrate the Eucharist with music (traditional and contemporary) and with simple reverence and ceremony. There are times of silence and times of exuberance in our worship – and there is always a clear Order of Service to follow. We welcome to receive Communion those who are communicant members of every part of Christ's Church, and we invite those who are not taking Communion to come forward for prayer of blessing. **The Sunday Club** for children meets in the Hall at the same time as the service and comes into Church towards the end to share with us what they have been doing. After the service there are refreshments and time to chat. The service lasts for between 60 and 70 minutes.



On the **first Sunday** of each month things are a bit different. There is a quiet and reflective **Eucharist at 9.00am** and then at **10.00am** an **All Age Service** (sometimes called "Family Service" – which means a service not just for families but for the *whole Church Family*) when adults and children worship together. This is informal, with modern music and is often multi-media in style. Often our younger members share in leading the prayers and reading the bible and are always very involved in the interactive address ! This service is shorter than the other 10am services, usually between 45 and 50 minutes. It is a good service for first timers. Refreshments are served afterwards

We have recently restarted worship on **Sunday evenings** – but at the moment only during special seasons, for example during Advent and Lent, or for short teaching courses. We gather at **6.30pm** and share in a service with Psalms and Hymns, a reading from Scripture and with prayer. It is an opportunity to go deeper into the bible as we follow a particular book or theme. Details of Sunday evenings will be posted in this Site.



Things happen on **weekdays** too – on **Tuesday mornings at 9.30am** there is a quiet and reflective **Eucharist** lasting between 20 and 25 minutes, which gives a more contemplative dimension to worship. The Eucharist is also celebrated on Festival days during the week. Most days, from Tuesday to Saturday there is **daily prayer** in Church at **8.30am and 5.00pm** – a quiet said service of psalms, readings and prayers, sometimes called "The Daily Office", and using a form of prayer that others will be using elsewhere at similar times – so we can pray together even though apart. This service is about 15 to 20 minutes in length.

There is a lot going on – you will be very welcome at any time. We are a growing church, but there is always room for more ! More details from **Fr Roger** ([yficerdy@btopenworld.com](mailto:yficerdy@btopenworld.com)) or **Mother Clair** ([clairjq@aol.com](mailto:clairjq@aol.com))