

## **Children's Ministry Team - Annual report for 2023**

The Children's Ministry Team is a development of the Together @ Ten group. From September 2023 it includes all church activities for children and young people.

**Together @ Ten** - monthly Sunday morning services aimed at appealing to children and adults. Different leaders and speakers ensures a variety of themes and approaches to the services which are bringing families into the church. Good connections with Open the Book and Shining Stars families.

**Open the Book** - for primary children, held in the church every other Tuesday as part of the school's assemblies. Bible story telling in an interactive and fun way.

**Shining Stars Playgroup** - for under 5's and their parent or carer held at the Scout hut on Friday mornings. Numbers range from 6 to 20 per session. The end of term parties and Christingle are particularly popular. A good link with young families from Uplyme and the surrounding area.

**Friday Night Fun** - a variety of activities for 10 to 12 year olds, held weekly in the church the village hall now led by Lucy Smith. The group is greatly appreciated by parents.

**Saturday Morning Football** - held on Axminster 3G pitch in the winter and on Uplyme playing fields during the summer. Fletch Hulbert took the lead after Robin Hodges stepped down in the Autumn. Numbers vary between 10 to 15 although more attend in the summer.

**Teddy Bear Picnic** - a summer event at the Rectory (Church if wet) for children baptised in Uplyme church, Shining Stars and Together @ Ten families. A new yearly event that we hope will grow.

**Outdoor Nativity** - A very popular event held in the village hall car park (or hall if wet) in the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Dressing up and taking part in telling the story involving church and community. A Bible Society booklet telling the Christmas story is given to every family.