

## **Shining Stars Playgroup**

Shining Stars is Uplyme church's playgroup which meets every Friday morning during term time at the Scout hut in Rhode Lane. We are open to all parents, grandparents and carers with children under 5 years old, providing a friendly place in which adults can relax and children can play safely. The average attendance for 2023 was 15 children (including babies) per session.

This outreach group supports families from Uplyme and the surrounding area, many of whom do not attend any church. The sessions start with a warm welcome and refreshments for the adults while the children enjoy free play. After tidy up time we sing a welcome song and say a short thank you prayer before the children have their healthy snack and listen to a story. This is followed by songs and parachute games. We say goodbye to each children with our bubble song.

We are blessed to have many volunteers from the church and the local community. DBS checks, safeguarding training and risk assessments are organised through Uplyme Church to ensure everyone is kept safe. Term dates, contact details and other appropriate local events are included in the termly newsletter which is also posted on our Facebook page and the church website.

*Jan Impey*