

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH

ST PETER & ST PAUL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CRECHE 2004

Since the end of March 2004 we have been able to run a supervised crèche during Sunday School term time. This has been due to an increase in the number of volunteers, & both parents of two of our younger members being on the rota.

It was decided to have a “room with toys” during the summer holidays, with one person on the rota to put out/clear the toys. This was down to low usage of the crèche during this time, and volunteers on holiday.

The rota from 28th March until the end of September was felt to be a little long, so the next rota was shortened to four months (October to January 2005). This has worked quite well with those unable to cover their Sunday swapping with others on the rota.

The October rota omitted two parents as they were expecting babies; one has since left the area. The new rota from February included another volunteer from the congregation, and the parent with a new daughter. With 14 volunteers we were able to release two infant Sunday School teachers from the rota.

Those without children in the crèche will only have to do crèche twice in this 4 month period, and parents are on three times. Those children with both parents on the rota, will share 3 sessions, so at least they get some time in the service together.

Sometimes the crèche is busy and others quiet, though more parents are leaving their children in the crèche. There are parents who still wish to stay with their children, so we hope to get them onto future rotas.

Jacqui Proctor has kindly offered to take over responsibility of the crèche and rota from May 2005.

