

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH
ST PETER & ST PAUL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH TODDLERS 2004

We welcome a large number of toddlers and their carers each term to our Monday afternoon sessions. By the end of term we usually total 60 names on our register, some who have been to us once and others that attend every week. They come largely from the local area, few are church members.

It was decided in January to increase the charge from £1.00 to £1.50 per family. We had not had an increase for many years and found we were barely meeting the cost of refreshments and extra activities for making seasonal cards etc.

Our facilities are reported by our carers to be of a very high standard. We have the generosity of the Women's Fellowship to thank for this, who have supported us with contributions which enable us to buy and replace new toys. Each week we also like to have available painting, play dough and chalk boards and activities that parents may not like to do at home. As much as possible in the summer we like to have a play area outside. At the end of summer term we have a party with a bouncy castle. At the end of Christmas term we take the children into church for a short service followed by a party and visit from Father Christmas. Whenever we have a chance to sit down and watch 'the toddlers', they always seem to be busily employed, which is rewarding.

Bobby Bourne has been noisily welcomed, and has kindly taken the place of Eleanor Robinson, who continues to be our number one reserve. Our thanks to Eleanor for her tremendous reliability and support to us over the past years. Our thanks also to Rhoda Mc Kenzie for her pastoral work, Janet Thompson for a music session, Ira Webber and Jean Howland for tea and Pat Newton for clearing up term after term.

Alison Kay, Gill Thompson, Bobby Bourne.