

# Rector's *ramblings*

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Dear friends,

## Children and Families Pastor

I am delighted to be able to formally announce the arrival of our new Children and Families Pastor. Liz Duffill will be joining us on 6th December, just in time for the busy Christmas period! As you will see below, Liz has written some words of introduction, and has sent a photo, so you will know who she is when she arrives. Liz will be living in the village, in Humphries Way, and will have a base in the Church Office, so will be able to be contacted on the office number, 441007. Full contact details will be available on the weekly notice sheet once she starts work. I know that you will make Liz very welcome, and I'm sure that she will quickly become an important part of the church family here at All Saints.

### Introducing Liz Duffill.



Hi! David asked me to write something to introduce myself to you, so, here goes!

I have been in youth and children's work for the last 8 years - I started by training in youth and ministry at Oasis Trust in London and worked in Orpington in Kent, after which I moved to Luton and worked as a children's worker. Following on from that I was offered a job working as a Children's Worker in Sydney, Australia...so, what do you do if someone offers you a job in Australia - you go for it! So I did, I spent a year working on my tan in Australia before heading back to the UK, and for the past year I've been doing nanny-ing work in back in Luton. I am really excited to be back in Children's ministry, and especially at All Saints.

So, that's me professionally, what about me personally?  
Loves - my friends, comedy movies, chinese food, chocolate and baileys! Dislikes - horror movies and spicy food

I think that's about it, other than to say that I'm really looking forward to getting to know all of you and getting stuck in at All Saints.

See you all soon! Liz

Liz's job will be to 'lead, develop and encourage all aspects of the Church's work with children aged 0-11 and their families.' Specifically, she will lead Junior Church (3-11), and provide oversight and support for Baby Church (0-3) and the Parents and Toddlers and Parents and under-1s groups. She will also be involved, with Eleanor Williams, in leading Messy Praise, and will be part of the All-age services team. She will also be working in Milton Primary School - sharing the leading of assemblies with me, leading the weekly Year 6 Christian Lunch Club, and looking for other extra-curricular opportunities, as well as liaising with our Foundation Governors. She will also be involved with delivering one-off events, such as holiday clubs, activity days, parenting courses, and helping with Baptism and Holy Communion preparation courses. In addition, she will be building relationships with relevant agencies outside the Church, and, in liaison with the Parish Administrator, will be responsible for ensuring Child Protection policies are correctly followed for this area of work. She will also be encouraging all of you in prayer for, and involvement in, our ministry to children and their families.

I hope you will pray for Liz as she begins working on this rather daunting list of tasks! Do pray too for all those who have faithfully continued with our ministry to Children and their families, especially since Chris Farmer left - several people have taken on significant extra responsibility during this time, and I would like to publicly thank them all for their hard work and dedication to this important part of the life of our Church.

### **Youth provision**

I am very grateful to those who have worked so hard to keep our youth work on track over recent months - both on Sunday mornings with Youth Zone, and with Get Real Chill and Substance in the week. Inevitably, since Chris left, the frequency of activities has reduced, but I am reliably informed that the quality is still high!

Unfortunately, it has not been possible after all to get a Careforce volunteer for January; the way that Careforce works means that the most suitable people for our needs are placed in their September intake, so we have applied for a volunteer for September 2010. In the meantime, we would warmly welcome volunteers from the congregation to help with Youth Zone on Sunday mornings, or with Get Real Chill and/or Substance. Please speak to me, or to Carolyn Tiller (Youth Zone) or Jenni Hastings (Chill and Substance) if you would be willing to offer to help - even if it is on an occasional basis.

This is an exciting time in the life of our Church, and I warmly commend all our work with children and youth to your prayers.

Yours in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

David Chamberlin,  
Rector