

MOSAIC Report 2016

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MOSAIC committee members

There are currently 18 of us on the committee:

Rachel Merrall	
Alison Lohmann	
Allison Paing	Membership Secretary & Friday Toddlers Leader
Claire Behling	Treasurer (although due to stand down)
Claire Whetson	Friday Toddlers Leader
Becky Waller	
Jo Griffiths	
Julia Browne	
Karen Coles	Secretary
Kathryn Scott	Chair & Friday Toddlers Leader
Laura Faconti	
Nicola Hills	
Nrmeen Katib	Friday Toddlers Leader
Thalia Kaprou	Friday Toddlers Leader
Sharon Hitchings	
Sarah Talbot	Monday Toddlers Leader
Toni Ferrelli	Monday Toddlers Leader
Jennifer Ellis	

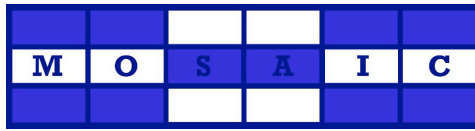
We are also lucky enough to have Vicki Wiggins and Jenny White who are our helpers in the kitchen who help with the tea and coffee, plus snacks for the children.

Our Role within St Andrew's Church

- We have continued to support many of the Church's functions by providing refreshments after church services and a party after the Christingle service – we tried a new format this year in the Parish Centre main hall instead of in the church with a new entertainer – it was really busy!
- We donated £1k to the Church for heating repairs
- We also donated £300 to the Parish Centre for re-decoration costs
- Regular clearing out of our storage cupboard, sorting out the toys and equipment. General assistance with Parish Centre cleaning, including tidying up outside in the garden area
- We managed the Children's area at the Church fête last year and 3 Mosaic committee members (Allison, Karen & Kathryn) are on the fete committee again for 2016
- We are still in charge of the church toy bags and have a rota to ensure they are well stocked with crayons, colouring books, Bible storybooks etc. As mothers who sit with our children during the family service, we know how valuable they are!
- We continue to volunteer to greet worshipers as they arrive at Church for the 10am service and also help with the crèche and early year's club if needed.

All of these are integral to the life of the Church and are one way for us to be involved in the church year.





Links with St. Andrew's Primary School

- Our links with St. Andrew's school and the PTA remains strong. We are continuing to help at the school fêtes and will offer to help again this year
- We invited the nursery and reception children to our Christingle service and party last year and are planning to do the same again in 2016
- Once again, we have made a yearly donation of £250 again to the nursery so that they can buy much needed toys/equipment

Our Social & Community Links

One of our aims in MOSAIC is to be a sociable group that people want to join and enjoy being part of, and in so doing, also being part of the St Andrews community. It is an area in which we have excelled this year and have widened that community with the activities that we have held.

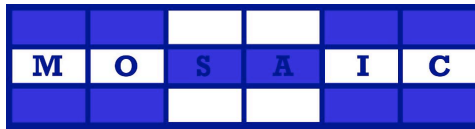
- We have social gathering organised for the summer holidays that all Mosaic members are invited to – usually it's a Teddy Bears picnic in the town park
- We continue to work with photographer Emma Parker, who we promote at our 'Toddler Sessions' for family photography, which has proven to be very popular. She also donated 10% of her commission to Mosaic's charity, which is fantastic. Sadly Emma has now closed her photography business, so we are seeking an alternative
- We have a popular Facebook page set up that our members can join, this is a really useful tool to keep everyone updated on what we're doing

MOSAIC Toddlers Groups and Membership

Our membership goes from strength to strength, and this is a reflection of the positive way in which we run our Toddler groups.

- We currently have 107 members who each pay a yearly subscription of £6 to help with our running costs. Any surplus is donated to our chosen yearly charity
- Direct Boot kindly sponsored our Mosaic tabards, which each volunteer wears to make it easy for our members to identify the group leaders in case of problems/concerns etc
- Both our term time Monday and Friday toddler groups (9.45-11am) are always full with approx 35 Mums and little ones, which is fantastic. We received wonderful feedback from parents and carers praising the work we do and thanking all involved.
- We are also seeing more Dads coming along with their children, which is great news
- Jo Griffiths has been a welcome addition to the Toddler Groups on Mondays and Fridays, giving our parents/grandparents/carers invaluable support and advice. Thus providing an additional and much needed service to our members/visitors





Fund Raising

Our fund raising efforts are constantly improving with the hard work and support of all of our committee members and other helpful volunteers.

- Last year we donated over £3200 in total to worthy causes:

British Heart Foundation	£92.50	St Andrew's Church – Boiler Fund	£1000
St Andrew's Parish Centre Repairs	£300	National Deaf Children's Society	£700
Red Nose Day	£110	RSPCA	£69.32
St Andrew's School Nursery	£250	Macmillan Coffee Morning	£147
Enfield Parents and Children	£500	Children in Need	£77.10

- In 2016 we are continuing to support our chosen charity, Enfield Parents & Children, who enhance the life chances of children, young people and their families in Enfield
- We just held an Easter toddler session – an 'Easter Egg-stravaganza' and raised £180 for Enfield Parents and Children charity
- We are planning to hold some summer holiday toddler sessions to continue to raise funds for our chosen charity
- We are also excited to be donating £500 to the MABS project. We hope this will be a yearly amount of at least this amount if not more, to support Jo and Barry in the fantastic and worthy work that they do for the church, our school and Mosaic

