

Charter for Children in the Church

1. Children are equal partners with adults in the life of the Church.

Children in this church are just as important as adults.

2. The full diet of Christian worship is for children as well as adults.

Everybody in this church can worship God in lots of different ways, no matter how old they are.

3. Learning is for the whole Church, adults and children.

Our church helps everybody keep on learning.

4. Fellowship is for all - each belonging meaningfully to the rest.

Our church is a place where everyone feels and knows they belong.

5. Service is for children to give, as well as adults.

In this church, children and adults can do things to help God, the church and other people.

6. The call to evangelism comes to all God's people of whatever age.

God wants everyone to share the Good News with others. Our church listens and helps us share what we have learned.

7. The Holy Spirit speaks powerfully through children as well as adults.

People can learn what God's Holy Spirit wants to say to them through what we say and do. Our church listens to children too.

8. The discovery and development of gifts in children and adults is a key function of the Church.

Our church helps us find our 'thing' and grow in it.

9. As a Church community we must learn to do only those things in separate age groups which we cannot in all conscience do together.

Our church gives us lots of opportunity to do things with everybody together and does not have loads of things that are just for adults.

10. The concept of the 'Priesthood of all Believers' includes children.

Everyone in our church can be equally close to God; praying and serving.