

Quick Guide – Reviewing your church and children

You're probably already convinced that children and young people should be central part of church life, but is your church? Have a think about these...

Are you often the lone voice going on about the young?

What value does the church place on children and young people?

How are children asked to leave the services?

Is there any tutting, grimacing or moaning?

Is there any performing, clapping and displaying?

Is there a budget for children's work?

Is there a budget for youth work?

How does the money spent on children and young people compare to other spending?

Is the all-age worship really child-friendly?

Is the all-age worship at a time and of a style for young people?

Is the building child-friendly?

Is the minister or other worship leaders young-friendly?

What welcome do children/young people get when they arrive at church?

If 20 children/youth came to church next Sunday would they enjoy it?

Does the church wait for children to come to it?

When did the church last teach about parenting?

When did the church last teach about children's spirituality?

Does the church admit children and young people to communion?

Do children/young people get asked what they want?

Do the young help plan services?

Do teenagers lead worship or speak?

Do children and young people play in church music groups or the choir?

Do children and young people have a voice in the church hierarchy?

Are children invited to observe at church business meetings / PCC or other meetings?