

SILVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH

We are an INTENTIONALLY INTERGENERATIONAL church!

WE ARE LIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITIES, BRINGING OUT GOD-COLOURS WHEREVER WE GO

Earl Street, Silverdale,
Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 6NF.

Minister – Rev. Teddy Siwila
Children & Families Worker – Jayne Leighton

Our Children's Policy at Silverdale Methodist Church

We want to make sure that everyone is aware of our Policy regarding children in church:

If your kids are loud, please still come to church.

If you're running late because getting everyone out of the door was a battle, please still come to church.

If your toddler won't sit still, please still come to church.

If your baby needs to eat, please still come to church.

If your child asks questions at the least convenient time, please still come to church.

If someone cries, drops a toy, needs a snack, or has to make their third trip to the bathroom, please still come to church.

If your child doesn't know all the words, all the prayers, or exactly when to sit and stand, please still come to church.

If you feel like you spent the entire Worship Gathering managing your children, and heard approximately 12% of the Message, please still come to church.

If Sunday Morning feels messy instead of peaceful, please still come to church.

If you're worried your children are distracting the people around you, please still come to church.

...Because children do not learn how to be part of the Church by staying at home until they can sit quietly.

They learn by being here.

They learn the singing by hearing us sing.

They learn the prayers by hearing us pray.

They learn to worship by watching us worship.

They learn that church is home because we make room for them here.

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The wiggles, whispers, dropped crayons, crying babies, and little voices are not interruptions to the life of the Church.

They are evidence that the Church is alive.

So, bring the babies. Bring the toddlers. Bring the big kids. Come late. Sit at the back. Sit at the front. Step out when you need to, and come right back in.

Just come.

Children are not simply the future of the Church. They are part of the Church right now. If we don't make room for the next generation in the Church, we risk becoming a generation that leaves behind empty churches. The children in our church today are the Church leaders, worshippers, and servants of tomorrow.

And at Silverdale Methodist Church there is a place for them here.

And that, ladies & gentlemen, is our Children's Policy here at Silverdale Methodist Church.