

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

@DORCHESTER ABBEY

AUGUST 2026



Dear Families,

July was full of fun and fellowship at Dorchester Abbey. At our Family Service, we explored the story of Ruth and learned about kindness, loyalty and trusting God through worship and activities. We also enjoyed a bird-themed Forest Church, spending time outdoors with nature-inspired crafts, games and prayers while celebrating God's creation. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

If you have any queries about Children and Families Ministry at the Abbey, then please contact Sarah Gladwin at families@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

At home activities



Tree of Life

Read Revelation 22:1-5 and create a picture of the beautiful river and the Tree of Life in God's new creation. Add leaves to your tree and write or draw things that make the world feel full of life, peace, and joy. Display the picture somewhere at home as a reminder of God's promise to make all things new.

Hannah's Thankful Flower

Cut out a large flower shape and write "Thank You God" in the centre. On each petal, children can write or draw something they are thankful for, just as Hannah thanked God for answering her prayers. Display the flower at home as a reminder to thank God every day.

Helping Hands

Draw around each family member's hand and cut the shapes out. On each hand, write or draw one way you can help someone this month. Hannah kept her promise to God and showed great faithfulness, and we can show our faith through loving actions.



Monthly Prayer



Loving God,
Thank you for the gift of summer, for longer days with family and friends, and the beauty of your creation all around us.

As we journey through August, help us to notice your presence in moments of rest, laughter and adventure. Fill our hearts with kindness, patience and joy and help us to share your love with everyone we meet. Bless our families, friends and all those we love. Keep us safe, guide us and remind us everyday that we are loved.

Amen 🌻 ☀️ 🙏

Sunday Activities

Children don't need to wait for a Family Service to take part in activities at the Abbey. We have a children's table with crafts, colouring and other fun activities available at every Sunday service, so families are warmly welcome to join us whenever they can.

Survey

Children and Families at Dorchester Abbey – We Need Your Views! Don't forget to fill out the google form!

Please click the link to complete the form
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/EG9UypRs84>

Upcoming Events

Forest Church

Forest Church is this Sunday (2nd) at 3pm in the Cloister Gardens. Our theme this month is 'Water of Life – River of Life.' Join us for water play, crafts and prayer. Everyone welcome!

Family Service with Baptism

Come and join us on Sunday 9th August at 10:30am for our Family Service and Baptism. We will be focusing on the story of Hannah and the power of prayer.

Toddlers

Toddlers has now stopped for the summer. It will begin again on Wednesday 9th September at 9:30am in the Abbey.