



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES @DORCHESTER ABBEY SEPTEMBER 2026



Dear Families,

The summer holidays may have finished but we are delighted to welcome children, young people, and families back to the Abbey. September is a time of fresh starts, new adventures, and growing together in faith, friendship, and community. We hope you enjoyed finding Cedric, the Abbey Mouse and playing in our Abbey Nest over the holidays. A new Abbey Trail will be on its way soon, so watch this space!

We have got lots to look forward to this month from our popular Pet Service to celebrating the 'Feast of Creation in Christ' during our Forest Church service. Please do bring your pet to our Pet Service; it promises to be an exciting and unpredictable event that is not to be missed!

In this newsletter, you'll find information about upcoming activities and the launch of our new Children and Families website, jam packed with resources for you to use at home. Please do take a look and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any feedback. Please email Sarah at families@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you soon and sharing another exciting month together at church.



Website Update!

We're pleased to share that the Children and Families section of the Abbey website has recently been updated, making it even easier to find information and resources for family life at the Abbey. Here you'll find details of all our children's activities, along with copies of our newsletters, helping families stay connected with everything that's happening.

The section also includes our 'Church at Home' series, created for families who would like to explore the Bible, pray, and worship together at home, whether regularly or from time to time. There are 4 documents, supporting different aspects of worship. They are jammed full of different activities which we hope will give families the confidence to worship together in their own homes and discover new ways of growing in faith as a family. We encourage you to take a look and make the most of the resources available.

<https://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/churchhome/>

Abbey Tots is back!

We're delighted to welcome Abbey Tots back for a new term! Join us every Wednesday at 9:30am from Wednesday 9th September in the Abbey, where we'll be gathering in a new space by the Children's Area. This new location will provide a warm and welcoming environment for little ones to play, explore, and make friends. Each week there will be craft activities, a dedicated baby area, snacks, songs, and all the usual play equipment that children enjoy.

I would like to thank Rev. Emma for her time, dedication and compassion. She has run the toddler group for many years now and has been amazing. Due to work commitments, she is stepping back from the weekly sessions but I am sure she will still love to hear about everything that is happening!

Whether you've been coming for years or are thinking of joining us for the first time, everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you there as we begin another fun-filled term together! 😊



Upcoming Events

Forest Church

Forest Church is this Sunday (6th) at 3pm in the Cloister Gardens. Our theme this month is 'Celebrating the Feast of Creation.' Join us for sunflowers, crafts, mud kitchen and prayer. Everyone welcome!



Family Service

Come and join us on Sunday 13th September at 10:30am for our Pet service. We will be celebrating all living things and hopefully we will get an eclectic mix of animals. All animals and their humans are welcome!



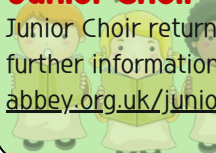
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Junior Choir

Junior Choir returns on Friday 4th September at 6pm. For further information please visit <https://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/junior-choir/>



Monthly Prayer

Heavenly Father,



As we begin this new month, we thank You for the gift of new beginnings. Bless our families as children and young people return to school and new routines begin. Give us wisdom, patience, and strength for the days ahead. Fill our homes with peace, kindness, and love, and help us to trust You in every step of the journey.

Amen. 🙏 🍁