



1st Steps Baby and Toddler Group
PPT Church
Bovey Tracey

Hello and welcome to our group! We thought it would be useful to give you a little bit of information about this group and what we will be doing this term!

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| 17th Sept | Paper Plate Fish |
| 24th Sept | Joseph's Amazing Coat |
| 1st October | Whale Cookies |
| 8th October | Animal Masks |
| 15th October | Cress Egg Cup Faces |
| 22nd October | Lion Cupcakes |

We cater for all children from babies to pre-school ages and have a small dedicated baby area with bouncy chair, play gym and baby toys. We are able to heat up bottles etc so please do ask!

We run from **09.45-11.45am Friday mornings** during term time.

We have table top activities such as puzzles etc out plus a tuff tray activity and floor activities such as our train track and garage and cars. There is always lots of activities and we rotate them regularly.

We pack away the table activities about 10.30 and the children are encouraged to sit down together at our tables for snack time. We provide a snack of either fruit or yoghurt, with crackers/breadstick. Please bring a drink for your child. Please do make us aware of any dietary requirements/allergies and we will do our best to accommodate them.

For the adults there is a choice of tea/coffee or cold drink along with homemade cake/biscuits. Again please inform us of any allergies/dietary requirements.

Please fill in our register and indicate your child's choice of snack when you arrive.

As we are starting a new term please fill out a registration slip so we have your contact information in case we need to contact you. Occasionally in winter we have had to close due to snow etc!

After snack time we have our craft activity and weather permitting, outdoor play! We have lots of ride on toys and bikes/scooters etc for the children to play with. We do ask that you supervise your child whilst outside.

At about 11.30 we tidy up and finish the session with a short story, singing and celebrating any birthdays!

There is a VOLUNTARY suggested donation of £3 per family if your child is over 1 year old.

COVID19 Please do not attend 1st Steps if you or your child are displaying any covid19 symptoms. Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering the hall. Masks are not required inside.

Who we are.Our toddler group is part of PPT Church in Bovey Tracey and its Christian Values and mission are interlinked with our group. We say a short prayer before snack and share information about our regular services and church activities.

Play Leader- Camilla Matheson. I have been running the group for over 10 years and love it! Previously I worked as a Registered Nurse and have 3 children who are 27, 25 and 14. I also have 2 grandchildren aged 6 and 4 who have both been to 1st Steps! At time of writing this I have a 3rd grandchild due any day so hopefully he will be coming too at some point!

Family Worker- Rosie Stephens. Rosie has been family worker at PPT for 3 years and has 2 children Bella and Joey. Bella has just started Year 2 and Joey is 18 months old and comes to 1st Steps regularly! Rosie is a former Primary school teacher, brilliant at organising and very creative!

Vicar- Rev Graham Hamilton. Graham has been Vicar at PPT for over 20 years and has 4 grown up children and 4 grandchildren. He often pops in to have a chat and some cake during our session!

PPT Church Services.

Our church services are 9.30am and 11am on a Sunday. 9.30 is Sunday Praise which is very family friendly and where the children have their own activities in the church rooms during the service. If you would to know more please speak to Rosie or myself.

The Family Storehouse

1st Steps Toddler Group supports The Family Storehouse in Bovey. This project donates gently used baby equipment and baby/children's clothes to families in need via a referral system. We are currently unable to take donations of goods/clothes but please speak to us if you know anyone who could benefit from this project.

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“And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them” (Mark 10:16)

