

Welcome information for families:

Babies and children are our future, and the life of our church. We welcome families to our Sunday service. May we suggest that you prepare your children for the event like you would any outing, tell them where they are going and outline what is likely to happen. Pack the usual necessities, maybe include a Children's Bible, or Christian story book, or an activity that might relate to the readings or sermon. Please don't worry if you run out of time to organise these things, you will always find some things available in our family worship spaces.

Please, do not worry about the voice of your children being heard. The sounds of joy and cries of little ones are welcome reminders that Christ asked for the children to come to him (Mark 10). We have two areas dedicated to children; at the front of our pews, and in the foyer area, just outside our glass doors. From the foyer you can see through the doors to the chapel area, or view the service on the screens. We would, however, encourage you to feel comfortable to sit at the front of our pews, near our children's worship space, beside the pulpit. This space allows children and babies to easily see what is happening and we really do want you all, the whole family, to have the best experience and to be able to fully participate. The advantage of the front location is space, lots of crawl and much more wriggle room than is sometimes available in the pew area. Of course, you are welcome to sit anywhere in the church with your children, the decision on location is yours to make. We value you and fully believe that parents are the best people for passing on faith to their offspring.

Our congregation is very friendly, which means that there is always someone available to lend a hand. You can feel confident that in this congregation we take seriously the Safe Church Practices of the Uniting Church of Australia. More can be read on this here <https://ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe/>

If, or when, you decide that you would like your child to be involved with Sunday School, our teachers are available to teach God's word.

We hope to be able to welcome you to our gathering soon.