## St Mary's Children and Youth Work Report 2024

Over the past year St Marys had continued to engage our younger people in the life of the church. This has been under the leadership of our Lay Leader of Worship and Youth Worker, Fay Grech-Marguerat up until October 2023. Activities have included Sunday school and Next Generation as well as involving our young people in Sunday church services including the music group and singers, intercessions and bible readings. In addition, explorers and followers' groups have been held on Tuesday evenings on a monthly basis.

Since Fay left St Mary's, youth work has continued although on a reduced basis. This has included use of the 'Roots' resource and activities, which the church has subscribed to, that is available at the back of church during Sunday services. We have also recently held confirmation classes kindly lead by Rev Canon Nigel Washington and have had three of our younger people confirmed at St Albans and Elstow in March 2024. Additionally, Easter books written by JJohn have been purchsed for children to take home and keep.

We look forward to a renewed vision of how we will support and encourage our young people over the coming months.

Anne Turner PCC Secretary March 2024