

Twinkles Go Large(TGL) History

The two council wards that cross the parish boundaries of St Mary's Church both had a higher proportion of under 5s than Bromley and England as a whole:

England	6.3% of the population are under 5
Bromley	6.5% of the population are under 5
Plaistow and Sundridge council ward	7.4 % are under 5
Bromley Town council ward	7.7% are under 5

It is within this context that St Mary's has developed its ministry to families with little ones. In a 4 year period Twinkles had grown from 5 families to 39 families.

We had simply outgrown the space in which we meet, so we needed to adapt the space in the South Porch to accommodate the growing numbers of parents and their little ones. This space is used during the service to engage babies and toddlers as they learn about and experience God's love for them. It is here that experienced and trained leaders taught the children about God through the use of stories, singing, role play, crafts and sensory activities.

The most amazing thing is that we began our fundraising in June 2015 and by the end of November 2015 we had smashed our target of £35,000! We have, to date, secured over £40,000 to meet the costs of the building work involved.

UPDATE ON THE BUILDING PROJECT (June 2018)

At the PCC meeting in January we stated that all permissions had now been obtained and the money to fund the project is in place.

In March, the PCC voted for SIW Builders to do the building work specified in the TGL Scope of Works.

SIW have stated that they can start the work on Monday, 2th July.

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