



# Edward Bear News

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## North, South, East, West, where's the place we like the best? Edward Bear Club, come and join us today!

Edward Bear Club was started 19 years ago by Mary Bayliss and it has been going from strength to strength ever since. We currently have between 20 and 30 children every Monday morning between 10 and 11am.

As well as some great songs and a craft, we also enjoy a bible story each week and a period of fellowship time over a hot drink and a biscuit.

On Saturday February 9th at 10.30am—12.30 we will be celebrating Edward's birthday at the Parish Rooms in Tollesbury.

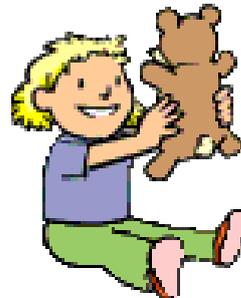
We will have some great party games followed by party food and Edward's birthday cake.

If you would like to come along please book your child's place as soon as possible—the cost is just £2 per child. If you are able to help set up/clear away please write your name on the list and don't forget to sign on the food list as well. (Due to safety reasons we are sorry children over 6 cannot attend.)

In July it will be Sally's birthday and weather permitting we will have a

picnic at the Rec—more details nearer the time.

Please let your friends know about Edward Bear Club—we would love to fill the whole of the church each Monday and help our children learn all about the love of Jesus.



## We need your help....

Each week it takes around 45 minutes to get the church ready for Edward Bear club and around 45 minutes to tidy up.

If you can help to either set up or tidy away your help would be really appreciated. It doesn't

have to be every week but many hands make light work. Have a chat with Liz or Sarah if you are unsure of what needs to be done.

We also need 2 more mums/dads to go on the craft rota—this involves putting together a craft for 30 children once every

6 weeks. We desperately need 1 person to do craft this term on the following dates:- **15th April and 10th June.**

If you are doing a craft all expenses are covered and there are lots of ideas in the file.

If you would like to put anything in next term's issue please let Sarah know, (sjr.case@hotmail.co.uk) 07887 907403

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### What's it all about??

**PRAYING** for each other  
**LEARNING** about God  
**LISTENING** to bible stories  
**MAKING** great crafts  
**FELLOWSHIP** time  
**FRIENDS**, new and old  
**FUN**, always lots of this

Don't forget we are on **FACEBOOK**—just search for **EDWARD BEAR CLUB TOLLESBURY** and join up.

Find out about last minutes news and future events.

## Yummy Mummy Fellowship

Every 2nd Thursday there is the opportunity for Mums with or without their children to meet at The Lighthouse in Tollesbury (opposite the school) between 9.30 and 11.30 am.

There are some toys and books for the kids and a great range of tea, coffee, soft drinks and chocolates to buy. It's also a chance to sit down and enjoy some fellowship time.

Sometimes lots of people come and other times it's just 2 or 3—but however many people come it's great to catch up.



We continue meeting throughout half term and holidays.

The next dates for Yummy Mummy Fellowship are :

Thursdays

February 7th, 21st

March 7th, 21st

April 4th, 18

May 2nd, 16th, 30th

We look forward to seeing you there whether it is for 30 minutes or an hour and a half.

## Mum's bible study & church services

A group of around 6 mums get together every fortnight at home to have a short bible study. It is on a Tuesday night at 8pm and we are currently studying 'Women of the Bible'.

The bible study is followed by tea, coffee and some cake or biscuits. There is lots of time for discussion and no question is too silly! If you would like to find out more please

talk to Sarah Case or Laura Eastham.

If you can't remember which services are on at which time in which churches please have a look at the website or pick up a copy of Geoff's weekly newsletter in the church during Edward Bear—or look at the Parish Magazine, or just ask.



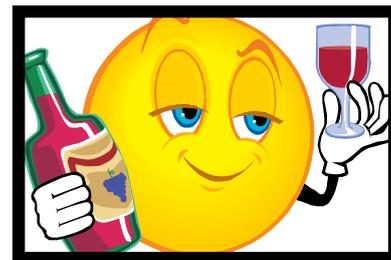
## Our next night out!

Following on from the delicious meal at the Loft cooked by Charlie Stocker our next night out is on Thursday 14th March and will be at Ruby's in Tolleshunt D'Arcy.

Please put your name on the list as soon as possible so we can reserve enough space at the restaurant. A deposit of £5 per person is required

to secure your place—as soon as we have an idea on numbers we can see if a set price menu is available.

If you have any ideas for the venue for next term's night out please have a word with Sarah.



# What's on each week

We thought it would be good to let you know in advance about the topic each week so here they all are! If there is no topic listed it means that Edward Bear Club is not on due to bank or school holidays.

		13th May	Mustard Seed
		20th May	Thank you God for Ears
4th February	The prodigal son	10th June	Father's Day
11th February	Valentines Day	17th June	Thank you God for Mouths and Tongues
		24th June	Thank you God for Noses
4th March	Mother's Day	2nd July	Thank you God for Fingers and Skin
11th March	The Pharisee and tax collector	8th July	Thank you God for Arms, Legs, Hands & Feet
18th March	The 2 brothers	15th July	Sally' Bear's birthday picnic
25th March	Palm Sunday & Easter		
15th April	The Good Samaritan		
22nd April	2 small coins		

## Story time

It is so lovely to see the children sitting at the front listening to Lindie or Geoff — sometimes it can be a little difficult to hear the story and so we will be getting a microphone for the story teller.

We would be really grateful if you could ensure that everyone around you is as quiet as possible—in this way the children will get the maximum benefit from story time. If your child likes to sit at the front on the floor why not go and sit with them.



## Funds

We suggest a weekly donation of £1 per child, this allows us to have tea, coffee, biscuits and juice. It also ensures we have enough craft material—glue, glitter, stickers, crayons, paper, card, etc.

We have in the past asked the children to go round with a tin, but as the number of people attending

Edward Bear has grown we feel this is no longer practical.

So, from now on when you arrive and let us know which refreshments you would like you can give your donation at the same time—we hope this will be easier for everyone. If you have any craft resources that you would like to donate please speak to Sarah.

