Burnside Blairbeth Church

Photos of children and young people

Photos of events are a great way of recording memory-making experiences to share with others, to recall in future, and to show what we do together as a church. We want to celebrate all that is great and fun, and we also want to keep our children and young people safe.

Events involving our children and young people include Sunday Clubs, Switch, Messy Church, Little Creations, 'one off' events such as parties, barbecues and outings, and our regular worship services.

Sunday morning services are live streamed on YouTube and are available there for catch-up. We have separate guidelines covering the recording of the service which are available in church, and describe where to sit to avoid being caught on camera. During the all-age talk, a 'holding screen' appears on the livestream to prevent children being filmed if they are taking part in activities at the front of church.

At other events

- we will nominate one or two people to be 'official' photographers, who have completed safeguarding training, and understand our guidelines
- we will avoid taking pictures of individual children and young people unless we have specific permission to do so
- we will make sure that photos are of groups, activities [eg drawing, crafts, games, eating together] and other general elements of the event such as food, chatting together etc.
- we will avoid including children for whom we don't have permission for photographs, or will delete these if they are inadvertently included

Using photographs

- we will only use photographs where we have permission to do so
- we will never use a child or young person's name alongside their photo
- we have 'internal' publicity which includes our private Facebook group, our church report [an annual document], our church magazine and occasional other communications within our church. We may use photos taken at events in any of these.
- we have 'external' publicity which includes our Facebook pages, Instagram, and posters and flyers. Our report and magazine may also be viewed outside our immediate church circles. In these situations we will use non-identifiable pictures eg we might use a photo of children making something together, without showing any identifiable faces.
- we will delete any photos which show identifiable children from our devices after use
- in all situations we will endeavour to be wise without detracting from the joy of these fun events that we share!

Please speak to any of the leaders of our events if you would like any more information.