



Diocese of Edinburgh  
*Scottish Episcopal Church*

# Play Church



## Information Booklet

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Downloadable copies of this booklet, as well as individual files including photographic consent form, all-age worship and the Play Church inventory, can be found on the diocesan website following this QR code.

# Introduction

The Diocese of Edinburgh's Play Church was dedicated by the Bishop of Edinburgh on Saturday 12th November 2016, and it is the only one of its kind in the UK. It was funded by the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Committee and belongs to the whole Diocese. Since its dedication, the Play Church has been moving between host churches, pausing only for COVID. Each host church finds different ways to engage with Play Church: special all-age services, school visits, 'Come and play' open afternoons, decorating it for Pentecost, using it as the centerpiece for Harvest thanksgiving, or placing it at the heart of all-age Holy Week and Easter services.

Play Church not only offers an opportunity for children to learn and grow, it also expresses something of our theology of children:\*

**“This church respects, and publicly acknowledges, that children learn best through play.”** Play Church invites children in to explore the world of the church in their own way. This kind of hands-on, interactive learning is influenced by Montessori, whose methods have helped shape modern parenting and educational practice.

**“This church invites children to imagine leading worship, liturgy and ministry.”** Play Church encourages children to participate in their own playful worship and imagine themselves as leaders. It shows them that special clothes and sacred objects are not just for grown-ups but for them, too.

**“This congregation recognises and celebrates its children as equal members of the Body of Christ, important to the life of the church now and not just in the future.”** The Play Church is made of finely crafted, durable materials and is not hidden in a corner or side-lined in a play room. When we give children access to sacred things, we are inviting them to share the things that are special to our worship of God. They may not understand sacramental theology, but they certainly understand what it means to be included - or left out.

Play Church will not be right for every child or young person. God uses whatever means possible to draw us all closer. Some children will be hit between the eyes by the reality of God through excellent Bible storytelling and teaching in Sunday School. Some will be drawn closer by participating in stirring music, whether as a chorister or as part of a church band. Some will have a powerful experience of prayer. For some children, an awareness of God will come through the sensory experience of holy things, eaten and drunk in the Eucharist or explored through imaginative play. So, whilst there is no one sure-fire method of making children follow Jesus or nurturing their discipleship, the Play Church is another resource for our congregations.



\* This information is taken from, or inspired by, an article by Gretchen E. Ziegenhals entitled “Playing Church”: <https://faithandleadership.com/playing-church>



# Contents of Play Church

**Altar** + 4 castors

**Screen** + 2 wooden feet for screen

(detaches from the back of the altar: slide firmly upwards & unhook outwards)

## Hanging up

4 x Chasuble + matching stole: red, green, gold, purple

2 x Alb

Cassock, surplice and stole

Bishop's cope and stole

Bishop's crozier

## Extras bag

USB charging port for candles

Standing sign for Play Church

Folder with booklet and forms

## Grey Boxes

## Word box

Visitor's Book

The Jesus Bible Storybook

Children of God Storybook Bible

Good News Bible

Holy Communion Book

## Light box

4 x wooden candle holders

4 x tall tapered candles

4 x votive lights



## Communion box

2 x chalices, 2 x patten (1 large and 1 small), black carrying case

Lavabo set (small stainless steel bowl and jug)

4 x burse and veil (purple, red, green and white/gold)

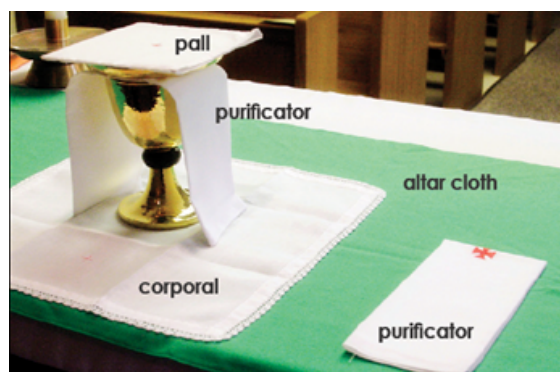
10 x purificator (narrow white with red cross)

4 x corporal (square white with red cross)

5 x pall (stiff white square with red cross)

Handbell

Crochet Thurible



## Prayer box

Holding cross  
12 x tea lights  
Lord's Prayer Book  
Finger Labyrinth  
Wooden Rosary Beads  
Small Franciscan Cross



## White Boxes

### Wedding box

2 x Veil  
2 x Net petticoat  
Flowers  
2 sets of rings in box  
3 x bridal gowns (S/M/L)  
2 x pink bridesmaids dresses  
Grey/purple suit and tie  
Kilt and gillie shirt  
Marriage liturgy

### Altar dressing

Dossal  
2 x white altar cloths  
Free-standing cross  
Bishop's mitre + cloth case  
2 x reversible frontals

### Gift box

This box is for anything that host churches might like to contribute, having seen play church in action. People have frequently commented, "What this Play Church could really do with is..." Please do not feel that you have to contribute anything, but do contact the office if you would like to. Current items in this box are:

Christmas Story Nativity Play Set  
Jesse Tree Baubles and Colouring Sheets  
*Jesus' Day Off* book  
*Maybe God is Like That Too* book

### Baptism box

Baby doll  
Christening gown, bonnet and blanket  
Spare pink baby clothes (hat & Babygro)  
Large stainless steel font  
Cream jug  
Towel  
Decorative cloth  
1 x large shell, 7 x small shells



# Funeral Box

In keeping with the ethos and approach of Play Church, the Diocese now has a 'Funeral Box' available for congregations or clergy to borrow. Contents are listed and shown below.

Given the nature of the subject matter, the box is not permanently housed with the Play Church. Instead it is held in the Diocesan Office and can be borrowed to complement the Play Church OR by any clergy preparing children for a funeral, or wishing to explore funerals with children. Please contact the Advisor for Christian Life, Fee Reynolds, to borrow: [freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org).



## Funeral Box

Black box with attached lid

Wooden coffin with hinged lid

Small pillow

Articulated figure

Double-sided pall (white and purple)

12 x white roses

Packet of tissues

# Transporting the Play Church

Please bring blankets to cushion the corners and edges of the play church and to protect your car.

Moving the play church is a two person job!

- Take off and pack all dressing-up clothes and equipment first.
- Don't move the play church with hanging clothes in place, or the long bridal gown will get caught in the castors.

The altar and the screen come apart and should be packed into your car separately. They should both fit into an ordinary estate car with the seats down.

- The screen is attached to the altar by four knobs that slot into place in four keyhole-like fixings on the screen.
- To remove, slide the screen firmly upwards and then lift off outwards.

The castors are for moving short distances on a level floor. For longer distances or uneven floors please carry or use a trolley / set of wheels.

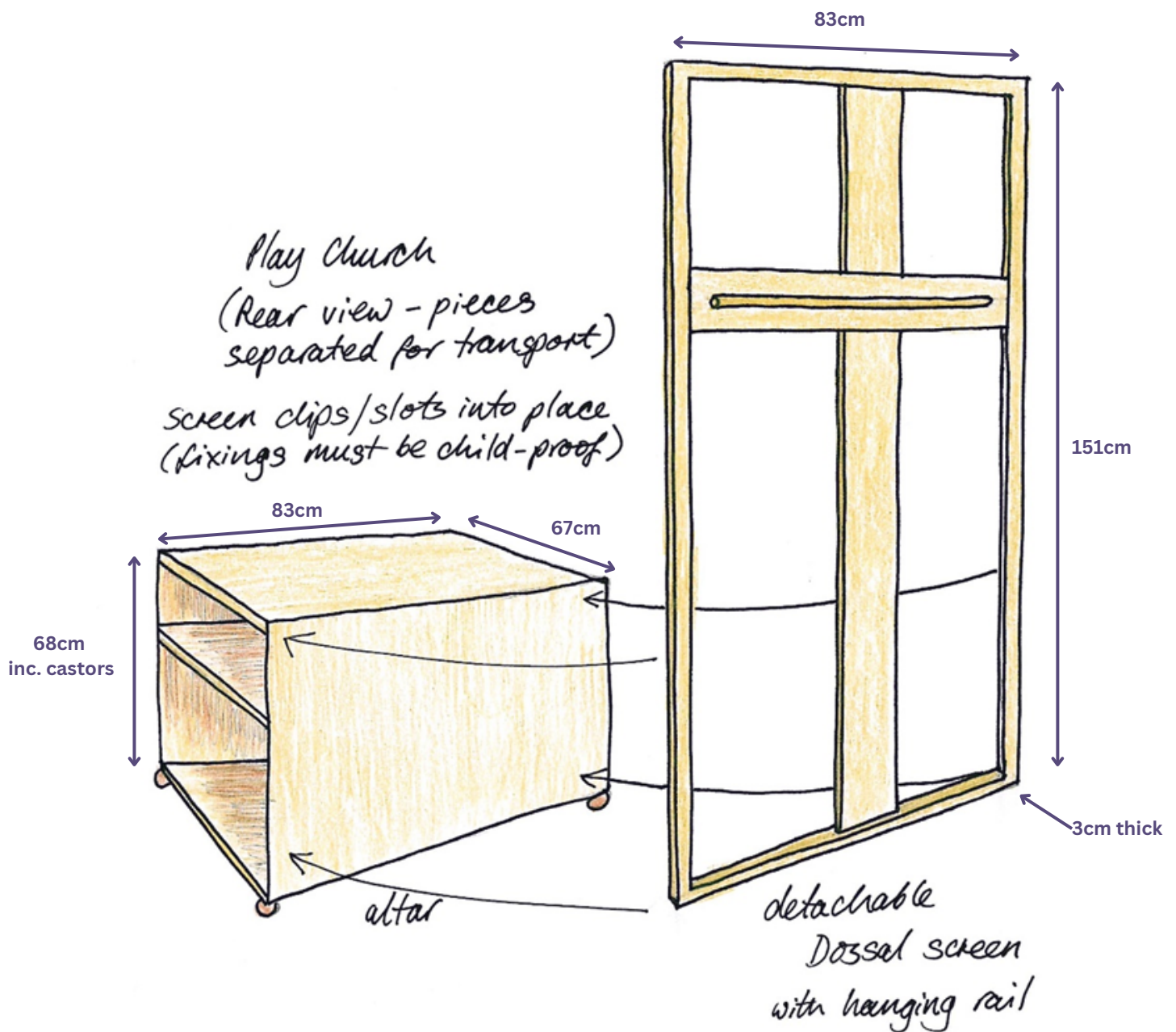
Lift the altar into the car upside down – castors in the air, so they don't get caught. It's best to do this manoeuvre inside the church, over a carpet, and carry the altar to the car upside down.

Once inside your church, the altar can be easily wheeled into position (but see the note above about castors). Lock the castors once it is in place.

If the screen is free-standing, make sure that children cannot pull it on top of themselves. The feet are sturdy, but supervision will be needed. You may like to drape the dressing-up clothes over nearby seats so that children are not pulling them off the rail.

If the screen is free-standing, attach frontal to the altar with loops around the screen fixings. If the screen is attached, attach frontal around the screen frame using loop and toggle. (You may need to add a small extension loop around the first loop, to get the frontal to hang in the right place).





See next page for an example of loading Play Church into an estate car: top and below left, a Volvo V70; below right, a Skoda Octavia.

Note the castors in the air, the screen stowed with hanging rail downwards and towards the back. Some boxes have been placed back inside the altar (carried separately to the car). It's also a good idea to secure the top of the screen to the handles above the passenger doors, using ties/bungees as shown below left: this prevents the screen from sliding forward or backwards in case of sharp braking. Alternatively, brace the screen against the lip of the boot and lean it (cushioned) against the altar, which will need to be pushed quite far forward in the car. This works well when the back seats can be laid down completely flat (see below left).



# Guidelines for Use

## Play Church Champions

Please appoint a person (or people) to act as Play Church champions during its time at your church. This person should not be the Rector, because much of the encouragement needs to be happening in and around worship, when the Rector will be otherwise occupied! Champions should be responsible for the following:

- Setting up the Play Church when it arrives – read transport instructions first! (P8)
- Preparing Play Church for use before each service and packing valuables away afterwards (see below)
- Checking the inventory (P5) at the beginning and end of its stay and overseeing the handover to the next host church
- Encouraging its use week by week. Whenever Play Church is open for use in the church, champions should introduce parents of small children (especially visitors) to the Play Church and encourage children to play with it. Many parents have a default “Don’t touch, darling” response to church things, and they need to be told explicitly that children are “allowed” to explore the Play Church. More formally, champions could draw up a Play Church rota for the duration of its stay, so that different clergy and worship leaders are encouraged to think about how to make the most of the Play Church in their service. (See ‘Welcoming the Play Church’, below.)
- Consider the feedback questions (PI6) and encourage filling in of the Visitors’ Book at the end of your hosting period – ideally you should reflect responses from all ages.

## Using the Play Church

The Play Church is designed to stay in the main body of the church, so that children can play with it during, after and in between services. Please do not tuck it away in a Sunday school room – the idea is that children and adults can engage with it and see it in use.

If your church is open to the public throughout the day, it is up to the Rector's discretion as to whether aspects of the Play Church should be locked away for security (see FAQs P14). Remember to restore the full contents of the Play Church before each Sunday (or other) service when it will be in use.

If the Visitors' Book is left out, please check it regularly for any entries that may be inappropriate, such as graffiti.

Encourage people of all ages to make observations and comments about the play church in the Visitors' Book. These can be written comments, drawings (place in envelopes if these are larger than the book) or photographs. NB safeguarding guidelines for photographs (below).

## **Cleaning**

The main Play Church structure is varnished with a water-based varnish. Children should be able to play freely with it, but make sure grown-ups don't put coffee cups on it! Please do not use harsh cleaners, especially as small children will be touching the altar. The ideal cleaning material is an E-cloth, which cleans gently but thoroughly and removes bacteria.

The vestments are washable but please do not tumble dry. Check labels on commercially bought clothing. The dossal and frontals are not washable! Please handle with care and spot-clean only.

## **Safeguarding guidelines for photographs**

Please share news of your experience of play church on your church website, in your magazine and through our diocesan channels of communication (contact ACL and/or Comms Officer). Make sure you obtain consent from parents for any photographs and video footage you take: [a consent form can be found online at the bottom of the SEC's Safeguarding Page](#). Hard copies can be found in the folder. For any other queries about photography, social media and safeguarding, please contact the Diocesan Protection Officer, Joanna Appleby: [JAppleby@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:JAppleby@dioceseofedinburgh.org).

## **Welcoming the Play Church**

There are many and various ways of making the most of Play Church! Below are some suggestions: please share with us what you have been inspired to do.



- Hold a special all-age Communion service and invite lots of children and families. Included in this pack is a sample liturgy for a full all-age Communion service with Play Church, based on the Dedication service (P19).
  
- Celebrate a teaching Eucharist: involve children and young people and celebrate Holy Communion from the play church altar.
  
- Publicity: take photographs (with permission) of the Play Church in use when it first arrives at your church, and send them with a short article to your local paper to advertise the presence of Play Church and your plans for celebrating it. This really does help your congregation to feel pleased and proud of “their” Play Church, while advertising your church’s commitment to welcoming children. It also stimulates the interest of others in local churches and the wider community. A sample press release is included in this pack (P15)
  
- Ecumenical links: talk to local churches about the Play Church and invite them to be involved in your all-age service. One Edinburgh church lent Play Church to their neighbouring Church of Scotland church for their Communion Sunday; Roman Catholic churches have also been very interested.
  
- Use Fischy Music songs as part of your worship with the play church (especially E.N.J.O.Y., which has new words especially for play church – see the dedication service liturgy) or better still, book Fischy Music to come and lead a play church event in your church. Contact [info@fischy.com](mailto:info@fischy.com)
  
- Consider how to use the play church in the celebration of a church festival, and make this an extra special, invitational event.
  
- Contact local schools and nurseries and invite them to come and see Play Church. One mum has suggested that local parents who don’t usually go to church might like “to take their children to Play Church outside of a Sunday service, so they might learn about Church without the parent feeling guilty or out of place for not being a member of the Church.”

# FAQs

## **Our church is open during the day. Is it safe to leave Play Church out?**

This depends on your circumstances. If people are around the building, and there is a tradition of leaving out other church items/furniture, then you may wish to do the same with Play Church. If no one is around, you may wish to lock the boxes of kit away somewhere, but leave the bare altar out, perhaps with a cloth and a couple of candles, and maybe a few items of dressing up. There is a freestanding sign you can place on the altar to explain what Play Church is (and to suggest that people come back on Sunday if they want to see more!)

## **Some of our children are lively and their play can be rough. Is Play Church delicate?**

The woodwork is very robust and well varnished. The dressing up clothes are well made and washable with care (apart from the frontals and dossal). You may not want to risk putting out more fragile items such as the standing cross, but the holding cross is a robust alternative. As a general rule, be sensible but not precious, and be prepared to replace anything that is broken or lost while you are hosting Play Church. Only two things are irreplaceable: the bishop's crook, which was donated by the widow of a late bishop, and the Visitor's Book, which has been filled in by adults and children in previous host churches.

## **Last week the children couldn't get enough of Play Church and played with everything. This week they ignored it. What can we do?**

Don't panic! There's nothing wrong: children's choice is a vital part of their play (remember how sometimes they will ignore a Christmas present and play all day with the empty box it came in?) Here is one idea that may help to stimulate their play afresh: Hide something special for them to find, as an extra incentive to explore Play Church. During Advent, St Ninian's bought three camels from Ikea - and hid them in the 'gift box'. The Rector then used them in her Children's Address, "which had the children hunting in the other boxes so that by the end of the service all the boxes were in play.

# Sample Press Release

## Church visits are now child's play in Peebles

It's child's play at a Peeblesshire church this spring!

St Peter's Church in Peebles will host Play Church, a child-sized altar aimed at helping children have fun and explore their faith.

The event comes with a range of features to help children learn about the Holy Communion, baptism and more. The opportunity will enable the little ones who come along to dress up in a variety of clothes, including a wedding dress and bishop's robes.

The portable Play Church was created by the Scottish Episcopal Church to engage children's interest and encourage them to learn through play about worship, God and the church.

The Bishop of Edinburgh, the Right Revd Dr John Armes, dedicated the Play Church altar at a special service in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral.

He said: "I love our new Play Church initiative. It underlines that children are welcome in our services and are encouraged to be involved in their own way. May it also offer us the possibility of seeing faith through their eyes."

In addition to visiting St Peter's in Peebles, the Play Church will also travel to St Andrew's in Innerleithen for Lent and Easter.

Church members are encouraging residents to pop into St Peter's, located by the bus stop on Peebles High Street and see the Play Church for themselves.

Rev Jim Benton-Evans told the Peeblesshire News: "Families across the area are especially welcome to attend, there will be a special all-age service to celebrate Play Church on Sunday, March 19 at 10.30am.

"It will play an important part in all-age Easter celebrations taking place at St Peter's from Thursday, April 13 until Sunday, April 16."

For further details on the event and to find out more about future activities at St Peter's, go visit the website at: [www.stpeterspeebles.org.uk](http://www.stpeterspeebles.org.uk) or the Facebook page @stpeterschurchpeebles.

# Feedback

These questions can be answered by anyone involved in children's work in your church. Please be honest, anecdotal, and say as much or as little as you would like: quoted comments, photographs and stories will all help build up a picture of how Play Church is working across the Diocese. Please email your responses to Fee, the Advisor for Christian Life: [freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org](mailto:freynolds@dioceseofedinburgh.org).

1. How have you used the Play Church? (Where has it been? What different services and events has it been featured in?)
2. How have children responded to Play Church? (If you have photographs of Play Church in action, please include these)
3. How have adults responded to Play Church?
4. What has been the best thing about your church's Play Church experience?
5. Was there anything that didn't work or that you found difficult about the experience of hosting Play Church?
6. Has Play Church changed anything for your church? (E.g. attitudes to children, play or worship; plans for involving children in worship; thoughts about children and Communion)
7. Has your church added anything to Play Church
8. Do you have any suggestions for Play Church?



# Introductory Letter / Talk

You will want to introduce the Play Church to your children and young people in some way. The information below was used in the Dedication Service, and can be used in your own introductory service, or adapted as a letter to your children / families. Use as best fits your particular circumstances.



Welcome to your Play Church! It is very special and has been made just for you. Come and play with everything you find here: look at the colours, try on the robes, hold the shiny chalice, light a candle, smell the polished wood, decorate the altar. Explore it all, and invite your friends to come and play with you.



Lots of churches look like this play church and lots look different. What can you see in the church around you? What looks the same? What looks different?

You will find things in this Play Church that you can see being used in a church service. How many candles are there? What colours can you see? You can ask all these questions and more, such as ‘What happens in Holy Communion?’ and ‘How is a baby baptised?’ You can even wonder, ‘What is Church?’

In church we get together to worship God. We pray, sing, read the Bible, and share a special meal because each of us belongs to God. Worshipping God is what we are made for. This Bible verse tells us what worship was like in the very beginning, when the world began:

I was like a child by His side.  
I was playing every day,  
enjoying His presence all the time,  
enjoying the whole world,  
and delighted with all its people.  
(Proverbs 8:30-31)

In church, we share a special time and place together to delight in all that God has made. As children, you can be yourselves: play and delight in everyone and everything you see, including this Play Church. Your play can remind the adults around you what it means to delight like a child in God's presence, and this is really important for the whole Church.

The Church is a great big family. Look around you: all these people are the Church. And so are all the Christians that there ever were, and ever will be, anywhere on earth!

The Church is also like a living body. Jesus is the head and we are his arms and hands and legs and feet. We have lots of work to do, not just on Sundays but every day of our lives: we need to love other people, help them and explore with them the truth about God, just as Jesus did when he lived on earth.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me" and the Church welcomes you in Jesus' name. While you are here, enjoy this Play Church: play, explore and wonder about worship. Most of all, wonder about God and God's amazing family that reaches across time and space.



[Church name here]  
A SPECIAL ALL-AGE SERVICE  
OF HOLY COMMUNION



FEATURING THE PLAY CHURCH  
[Date and time]

## Welcome

God is here.

**Yes!**

God made us and loves us all.

**Yes!**

We come to praise God.

**Yes!**

[Lead a simple prayer of confession here, ideally one that is creative or interactive.]



## Confession and Absolution

God, our loving Creator,

**Forgive us.**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive us and free us from our sins,  
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## Opening song –

[e.g. ‘Coming home to you’ by Fischy Music© Suzanne Butler/Fischy Music 2014:

“...Your house will be my house too, Lord  
I’m coming home to you...”]

## Introduction & activity:

[e.g. Odd one out – which one isn’t a church? A slideshow featuring unconventional, weird and wonderful churches, including Play Church and churches without buildings.]

## Readings

Old Testament: Proverbs 8:30-31 [you may like to invite a young child to read this, accompanied by a parent and perhaps standing in a circle of other children.]

The reading is taken from Proverbs 8:30-31. Wisdom speaks as a person who was with God during the creation. These words could belong to Jesus, who was there in the beginning with God.

I was like a child by His side.  
I was playing every day,  
enjoying His presence all the time,  
enjoying the whole world,  
and delighted with all its people.



**Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-5 [you may like to invite young people to present this reading dramatically]

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

**Discussion:** What do we need to make a church?

### **Song**

[e.g. ‘Is the church a building?’ to the tune of ‘At the name of Jesus’ (Camberwell) © Kevin Mayhew 2014. Words by Lucy Berry.

**“Is the church a building?  
Is this church our own?  
Is it made of people?  
Is it made of stone?...”]**

**Teaching:** [e.g. What makes a church? or What is Play Church? or Playing like children of God, or use my interactive Play Church introduction]

### **Intercessions**

[Ideally these should be creative or interactive, and devised/led by young people]



*[Intercessions close with the following Collect for churches in the Diocese of Edinburgh:*

**God, our Father,  
you call us by your Spirit  
to Grow Together in your Son;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
generous in giving,  
faithful in serving,  
and bold in proclaiming  
the hope of a world made new;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**



## **HOLY COMMUNION**

[The following child-friendly liturgy was approved by Rev Canon Ian Paton, and used by Bishop John Armes at the Dedication service for the Play Church. Illustrations are provided for church use by Rev Ally Barrett]

### **Welcome**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **Peace**

We meet in Christ's name.  
**Let us share his peace.**

*All join hands.*

**Peace be with you!**



Song – [e.g. O! O! O! How good is the Lord]

During the song, the collection will be offered and the Play Church altar will be prepared for Holy Communion.

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**Yes!**

Lift up your hearts.

**Yes!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Yes!**

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,  
in every place and at all times.

You made us,  
all the people of the world,  
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.  
Your Word lights up our minds.  
Jesus was born among us  
to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us  
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,  
but already we laugh with the saints and angels,  
and sing their joyful song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, you never forget us or turn away from us,  
even when we fail you.



You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.  
He healed those who were sick,  
cared for those who were poor,  
and cried with those who were sad.  
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

**For all your love we give you thanks  
in the way that Jesus showed us.**



On the night before he died,  
while he was having supper with his friends,  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:

"Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what he told us,  
we open our hearts to him;  
we remember how he died and rose again  
to live now in us.



**Together with him we offer you these gifts:  
in them we give you ourselves.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine,  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,

and that, sharing your life,  
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people  
we give you thanks and praise  
through the Son and in the Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
Lord, unite us in this sign.

## **Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour has taught  
us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Do not bring us  
to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



## Communion

*At the giving of the bread:*

The Body of Christ given for you.

**Amen.**

*At the giving of the cup:*

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

**Amen.**



## Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Father, we thank you for feeding us. Send us out in Jesus' name to work for you and play in your presence. May we delight like little children in your world and its people.

**Amen**

## Song - [e.g. Lord of the Church]

### Sending Out

*Response*

To a troubled world

**peace from Christ.**

To a searching world

**love from Christ.**

To a waiting world

**hope from Christ.**

*Blessing*

May the Spirit of God be in you,  
wisdom and understanding keep you,  
the power of God encircle you,  
God's truth lead you into freedom;  
and the blessing of God, almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**





## Dismissal

Go in peace to walk in the Way of the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

[You may like to extend the celebrations with a bring and share lunch after the service.]

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*Design for the cross on the altar front: Sheana Stephen, artist jeweller*

*Altar Frontals: St James' Goldenacre*

*Altar linen: St Ninian's, Comely Bank*

*Hand-carved cross: Peter Tucker of St Andrew's Kelso*

*Candles: St Mark's Portobello*

*Hand-carved candle holders: Arthur Williams of St Mark's Portobello*

*Communion set: St Cuthbert's Colinton*

*Baptism set: Holy Trinity Melrose*

*Children's Bibles: St Fillan's*

*Visitors' Book: Rev Lynsay Downs*

*Bishop's cope and mitre: from Bishop John and our link Diocese in Cape Coast, Ghana*

*The Bishop's crozier: used by Bishop Alan Smithson and donated by his widow, Jean, of St Mark's Portobello*

*Lavabo set: St Luke's Wester Hailes*

*Service booklet illustrations: Rev Ally Barrett*