



1277: Make them count Press Release

National prayer month for toddler groups – June 2016

'Keep praying!'

'Keep praying...new families came along this morning including one who saw an article in the local paper, also new church member offered to join the team, and a couple of mum's offered to help set up. I like this month of prayer.'

These were the words shared by a toddler group leader during last year's month of prayer.

Some of the activities that took place in June 2015 include; a prayer tent, services led by toddler group teams, prayer bubbles blown, prayer activity bags prepared and taken home by every family in the toddler group. New prayer groups also sprung up in various areas – from Cardiff to Harrow – and there was a real sense of new life flowing through many toddler groups.

The National Month of Prayer for toddler group ministries will again take place in June. The aim is to encourage you to pray ... and to get your church praying! **'Living life to the full'** is the theme this year and John 10 v10 is the keynote scripture **'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'**

With over 20,000 churches estimated to be running toddler groups in the UK, it is so important for groups, the leaders, the children and their families to be supported in prayer.

We recognise that for many, the local toddler group is a 'lifeline'. A place of a genuine warm welcome. It can simply be something that people do on a given day at a given time but for most of us, it is so much more. We would love to celebrate the 'life giving' potential of our groups and 1277 have put together some ideas, activities and articles that you can dip into doing the prayer month, they can be found on our Facebook group

www.facebook.com/groups/1277makethemcount/ or our website www.1277.org.uk/resources.

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What is 1277?

The approximate number of days that a child in the UK has between birth and starting 'nursery' is just 1,277. And it was from a desire to make each of those days count, that the group 1277 was formed in 2009. It is an ecumenical group that is passionate about resourcing and supporting church-based toddler groups and the families with whom they work. It has a website www.1277.org.uk and active Facebook group www.facebook.com/groups/1277makethemcount/