# Armenian Church News



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According to the calendar of the Armenian Church the nine days Theophany following considered the Christmas period. There are no fasting days and people share with each other the Christmas good news of Udlunhu.. During this period the Primate visited the



## AREV Children's Club



Arev Children's Club is now five years old. Conceived and directed by Shakeh Major Tchilingirian at St Sarkis Church in 2010, these monthly gatherings introduce Armenian folk songs, dances, classical music (Komitas, Khatchaturian, Ganachian, Babjanian), visual arts (Saryan, Gorky, Minas, Aivazovsky), storytelling (Tumanian, Aghayan, Nouneh Sarkissian, etc.) and classical epic stories to children ages 5-11 through fun and interactive sessions. A glimpse of the last five years is given in a short clip found at <a href="https://youtu.be/chtXGeLL4Pc">https://youtu.be/chtXGeLL4Pc</a>. Parents who are willing to commit one-hour a month to join the club and register their children, please contact Shakeh on 07968446223 or email: iShakeh@gmail.com. Parents' participation and commitment is essential.

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meaning of Theophany and explained the meaning of baptism in the Armenian Church. He also thanked Canon Thomas for his continued support to the Armenian Swansea. Originally the Cardiff parish was founded with some 30 members. This has now grown to almost double the original figure. The growth in the community