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Phill Kicks, one of our churchwardens, writes....

Soon after Jess and I were elected as Churchwardens we were given the report on the state of the church spire which was in a dangerous condition and we already knew we had a leaky roof!

We applied to the National Lottery Heritage Fund and this led to many hours of laborious and time-consuming work, reading documents (which proved invaluable in the long run) and completing application forms (10,000 words!). Six faculties (CofE Planning Permission) were applied for and, thanks to our dedicated Team working through a series of special milestones, the work began in June 2023.

Once the fancy scaffolding was around the spire (see pic above) and work started, the plan and timeline changed due to additional work.

We also had to contend with the weather and additional

costs, which is where the in-depth reading was helpful in bartering down the costs.

We finally completed the spire in January 24.

In November/December 23 funds were not available for the roof, so we approached the NLHF again who set us a task with 24hrs to complete which we managed with Jess typing and myself dictating due to a damaged hand. This resulted in an additional grant of over £120k so the work on the roof could go ahead. This began in February 24 and was completed in June 24.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the great team supporting me as the Project Manager, the generosity and continual prayer support from all our church members.

We spent £385,152.00 for the spire and roof. An overspend of £9550.52. A 2.5% overspend is within the project contingency.

God is good and has blessed us all the way throughout this amazing Project.

Phill



September 8th ~ **CELEBRATION SERVICE**
Giving thanks for the completion of the restoration work on the church

St John's Toddlers Club



FOCUS

On our
Toddler
Group



Fridays during term time 9.15 ~ 11.15am

Our Toddler group has been running for over 30 years and we have gone through many changes to meet the needs of our families.

We are a "Drop-in" group so the children have a responsible adult with them. We are staffed by volunteers from the church who have all been "police-checked" and have taken at least foundation level safeguarding training.

We provide toys to play with and push-along toys and prams. We have a variety of construction toys and a climbing frame. We usually have a craft activity or some form of "messy" activity. At around 10.30am we have snack time when we provide fruit and toast for the children.

Hot and cold drinks are available throughout the mornings for adults and children. After snacks we have singing time and then bubbles, balls and hoops.

We aim for a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Ann R

Toddlers leaders + new babies



Children are a gift from
the Lord.



They are a reward from
Him.

-Psalm 127:3

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Media Matters

CHRISTIAN MEDIA (Part One)

Did you know that in the UK you can access Christian-run radio stations? So, if like me, you sometimes get tired of the same old stuff on national & local radio, why not try something different?

Premier Christian Radio, part owned by *Premier Christian Media Trust*, broadcast about 20 hours each day with inspirational programmes. They offer contemporary Christian music, insightful communications, and faith-based discussions. Hear some great stories of people tuning in and finding support in helping them through difficult life situations.

How do I connect to this radio station?

Access is by: DAB Radio, or TV Freeview 725, or Premier Plus App

United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) offer a similar operation to above *Premier*. They also run a weekday *Prayerline* phone-in service, about 12 hours each day, that I'm sure will have benefitted many callers.

Access is by: DAB Radio and UCB Player App

Chris L



What St John's Means to Me—Will's Story

Following a breakdown, I came to Worksop 22 years ago where I spent some time in hospital. I met two people from St John's who helped me move home and supported me both physically and mentally. As time went on I needed care herself and I was glad to be able to give her support when needed. This meant coming to St John's with her on a Sunday morning which I was happy to do.

After Carole died I continued to come occasionally but I committed my life to Jesus and from then on I grew in confidence, became more outgoing and now really feel part of our church family. Eventually other members of the congregation encouraged me to sit in front of church.

Our Vicar invited me to attend an Alpha course with others to learn more about the Christian faith and ask any questions we had.

Although I believed in God,

I have a 'new life' and really look forward to every Sunday. The people are so loving and caring, and I have made many friends.

I am so happy to be part of St John's.

Will D



Becoming a Christian

Many people have found saying this prayer to be a helpful first step to a relationship with God....

'Lord Jesus Christ,

I am truly sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life. Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong.

Thank You that You died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free.

Thank You that You offer me forgiveness and the gift of Your Holy Spirit.

Please come into my life today.

Thank You, Lord Jesus.'

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
declares the Lord
Plans to Prosper you
and not to harm you
Plans to give you
Hope and a Future
-Jeremiah 29:11



Well, the workmen have gone and the car park is cleared. All the better to be able to see our lovely flower bed and lawns. We are so grateful to our regular gardeners who faithfully look after our grounds week by week throughout the year.

A BIG THANK YOU to Alan, Josie and Martin
(Helpers always welcome)



JUST FOR FUN –

August 13th
Tuesday Café
10.00–12.00
‘Come and chat about Mr. Straw’s house’

Church Bulletin Board
Ladies, Don’t forget the jumble sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house.

Bring your husbands.

SPOT THE TYPO... (change one word to make sense of each sentence)
In the sit-com *Blackadder*, Baldrick was played by Smokey Robinson
The model, Jordan, is more than 300 kilometres long
One of Leonardo da Vinci’s famous works is *The Last Cuppa*
The Panama Canal is made up, from end to end, of muscle, mucosa and connective tissue

Regular Weekly Diary

Sunday 10.30 Morning Service—
with ‘Kids Church’
6.00 ‘Sunday at 6’ informal service

Tuesday 10.00—12 noon Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1.00 pm Mothers’ Union
(1st Wednesday of the month)
7.00 pm Lifeline Praise and Prayer
OR Life/Home Groups

Friday 7.00—8.30 Games Night for all ages
(alternate weeks)

Saturday 10.00—12noon Church open for anyone for prayer and cleaning

For more details of the above ask one of our leaders

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