



The Beacon

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*Ann Rutherford, one of
our Lay Ministers, writes*

Romans 12v12

'Rejoice in our confident
hope. Be patient in trouble,
and keep on praying.'

The days continue gloomy,
damp and cold. We wonder
if Spring will turn up this
year. Yet, one look at our
gardens shows us snow-
drops, defying the weather.
Even bluebells are showing
green leaves, confident that
they will flower in the sun.

We have experienced trying
times at St. John's but we
are full of hope that the sun
will shine on us again. We
are confident because
Jesus, our Saviour, loves us
eternally so because he
loves us we can pray trust
fully that His plans for us
will come to pass.



Soon it will be time to go out
into the garden again- to sow
seeds - dig the ground - enrich
the soil - prune and tidy up so
that everything is ready for the
longer days and the warmer
weather. We work with the
vision of what the garden will
be like in the future. Our God
has His own views on gardens,
and churches!

We wait with anticipation to
see what Spring and Summer
have in store for us in both.



FOCUS

**ON OUR
KIDS
CHURCH**



Over the last few years it has been a real joy to lead the Kids Church as the group has grown both numerically and in age. When we first started in Kids Church a few years ago we met in the Church vestry and children were joined by their parents as most were pre-school toddlers.

Now we have a thriving group of 4 to 11 year olds who attend most weeks. We seek to use creative ways to bring Bible stories to the children using games, drama and crafts to teach from the Bible for the children to apply to their lives. Each week the children usually take a piece of craftwork and maybe an activity sheet home to remind them of what they have learnt. No two weeks are the same but through it all our prayer is that the children will know that they are loved by God and will grow in the knowledge and love of their Saviour.

Last year we had many children who came for a short time as well as those who attended throughout the year - in fact we had 39 different children who came at least once! This year the numbers have been lower but we have a nucleus of up to 10 children who are regular attendees.

We now have three adults going out each week to teach and assist the children. Our thanks go to all on the team for their willingness to help.

John and Debbie Hodgkins
Kids Church Leaders

CHILDREN'S LETTERS TO GOD



Dear God,

I keep waiting for Spring but it never comes. Don't forget! MARK

Dear God,

If You watch in Church on Sunday I'll show you my new shoes. MICKEY

Dear God,

We read Thomas Edison made light, but in Sunday School they said You did it. So I bet He stole Your idea. DONNA



Children are a gift
from the LORD:
they are a reward
from Him.

- Psalms 127:3



TheWonderfulGraceOfGod.com

For some time now I have been researching the organ builders Brindley and Foster of Sheffield who were working over the turn of the 19th and 20th Centuries.

Information on the internet suggested that the organ here at St John's was built by Brindley and Foster, and being close to home, I couldn't resist getting in touch to see if I could have a look at the instrument.

It is about a year ago since I phoned the office and spoke to Jess who enthusiastically invited me to come along to church on a Saturday morning to see the organ.

As I walked into the empty and quiet church for the first time, I was impressed by the Victorian grandeur leading my eyes to look towards the chancel and altar. There was, then, and still is, a wonderfully warm and peaceful feel.



The organ itself looked a little forlorn, but on opening up the console I could see a rather lovely instrument to be explored, and, even though not having been tuned or maintained for many years, it sounded magnificent.

Now, that Saturday morning everyone that came into church was so friendly and welcoming, and even gave me a cup of tea and biscuit. Although I expected that visit to be a one off, that wasn't to be the case. I now feel part of the church family and very comfortable at St John's.

John Rawson

***The Wonder of the Church....

..... is that, far from being formed of people who would naturally gravitate together because of their shared interests, social background, ages or temperaments, instead it is a family that is gathered. This is not because of what we share, but solely because of what Christ has done. The wonder of the church is that this is a diverse community walking together, not just because we like each other, but because we are joined in heart by the shed blood of Christ.

Prayer:

**Lord, I pray for the church of which I am a part.
Help us to walk together in unity,
faithfulness and harmony. AMEN. *****



*** taken from 'Life with Lucas' Bible reading notes***



Smile a While



Church Bulletin Board

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign last Sunday:

'I upped my Pledge –
Up Yours!'

We live in an era of smart phones and stupid people



Solve the Rebus Puzzles

Put 2TO

JUST

STOOD
Miss

Once



Once upon a time

Misunderstood

Just right

Put two and two together

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30 am Morning Worship
+ Kids, Church

6.00 pm Sunday @ 6.00
Informal service in the
Church Hall Lounge



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