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Newsletter of St John's Church, Worksop
July 2026

*Our Vicar's wife, April, writes a
Reflection for this month*

To seek, serve and follow Christ"

That was the Girls Brigade's motto when I attended in the 1990's. Over my life these simple words have often come back to me or been a comfort when life has been difficult and when I have felt unsure.

When I've wondered, "what should I do?" The answer has been simple, seek Jesus. Again, and again God has met me through scripture, prayer, friends' encouragements and the words of songs. I've discovered that Jesus is always ready to meet with me, far more often than I have been ready to meet with Him.

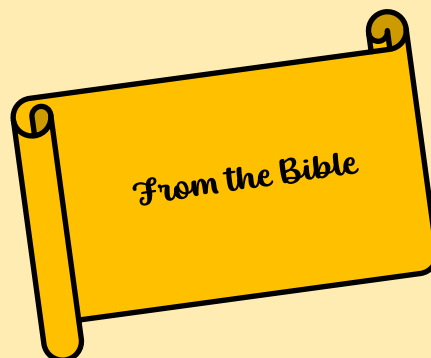
I've always loved to help others and prove useful. But growing up and learning what it means to serve others has been a gift to me.

Through service God has humbled me, helped me be obedient and I've learnt contentment by serving Jesus and others.

I thought I always found it easy to "follow Jesus" in the "good girl" way. But following Christ is hard, especially when I had my own plans for my life. Following Jesus meant surrendering increasingly to Him which has led to amazing freedom.

As we go through this month, I pray that each of us might reflect on this motto too.

April



*"No, O people, the Lord has told you
what is good,
and this is what He requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God."*

(Micah chapter 6 verse 8)

ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT

Growing – Knowing – Reaching



BASSETLAW MULTICULTURAL Festival 2026

Saturday
11th July 2026
11.00am - 5.00pm

FREE
ENTRY

BRACEBRIDGE FIELD
WORKSOP, S80 2BU

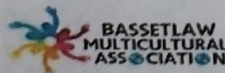
Live Music • Fashion Show
Dancing • Multicultural Foods
Bouncy Castle • Crafts & Stalls



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MISSION TO ZAMBIA

**John & Debbie
Hodgkins**



From the 16th August this year we are joining a small team on a short term mission trip for two weeks with a Christian organisation called **Mission Direct** to Lusaka in Zambia. During the mornings we will be working on a building project – ‘assisting’ the builders! - for two new Nursery classrooms at Crown of Life school. The school was started so children in a very poor area in Lusaka could have a school to go to. Currently 650 children attend! Each member of the team has been fund raising to pay for the work – thanks to your generosity we have been able to contribute £2581 towards the target of £24 000 (we pay for our own flights and accommodation).

In the afternoons we will be encouraging the local Christians making home visits with the teachers, serving lunches, encouraging children who live on the streets and providing activities for children.

We have felt a desire to serve God through a mission trip for some time and signed up last year at ‘Spring Harvest’ as we thought if not now, when?

So flights have been booked, orientation completed and we are ready for an adventure.



John Hodgkins



In June we had our annual
Kids' Church Prizegiving.

Below the children are holding
up their memory verse.



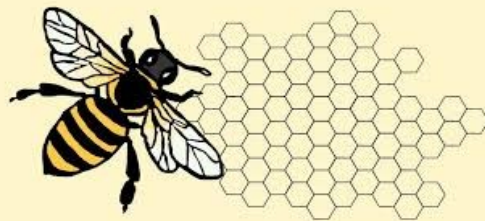
Above Gareth prays for our year
sixes who will be going to
Secondary School in September



Don't Step on me

Buzz buzz buzz. Can you hear me? I'm down
in the grass or up in the trees. I fly here and
there. Can you see me? I help plants grow.
Can you see the berries and the peas? As busy
as can be I'm making honey. Spread it on
toast or put some in your tea. If you know
I'm there don't step on me. I have a sharp
stinger to poke you with if you scare me. I'm
meant to help and I'm meant to share. So
lend me your love and care.

-Vanessa Blackford



A FEW SUMMER JOKES

What do you get when you combine an elephant and a fish? (Swimming trunks)

How can you tell the sea is friendly? (It waves)

What did the sands say to the sea when the tide came in? (I'm sure glad to see you!)

What do you call a snowman in July? (A puddle)

What did the tree say when summer finally arrived? (What a re-leaf!)



Tuesday @ 10, July 28th

Coffee Morning

Our visiting speaker this month is

Mike Tagg talking about the
Architects of Bridge Street

ALL WELCOME



Stay cool, everybody.

25th July

Church Outing to
SKEGNESS!



Contact Phill
Kicks to see
if there are
any spare
places.

New to St John's? Here's some general information about our church



About St John's



St John's is a Bible-based, evangelical Anglican Church,
open to the moving of the Holy Spirit.
We aim to show the love of Christ to all.

Our main **Sunday worship** is at 10.30a.m.

There is "**Youth Church**" for any young people year 6 or above,
'**Kids' Church**' for children aged 3 years and over. Also a **creche** for under 3s.
'**Sunday @ 6**' is an informal evening meeting in the church lounge.

We welcome all who come into our buildings for any reason.

Prayer underpins everything as we support each other in a loving community and reach out to others.



Sunday Services

10.30 am Morning Worship
+ Kids and Youth Church,
6.00 pm Sunday @ 6.00
Informal service in the
Church Hall Lounge

Contact Point

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Heritage Website: <https://worksopspire.org>

Regular Weekly Diary

Tuesday

10.00—12 noon Coffee Morning

Wednesday

1.00 pm Mothers' Union (1st Wed'day)

6.30—8.00 Youth Group

7.00 pm Lifeline Praise and Prayer

OR Home Groups

Friday

9.15—11.15 Toddler Group

7.00—8.30 (alternate weeks)

Games Night for all ages

Saturday 10.00—12noon

Church open to all

*For more details of the above ask one
of our leaders*



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