



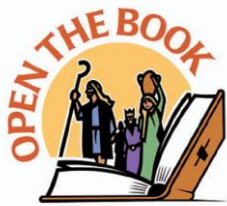
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FAMILY FOCUS

OPEN THE BOOK



Each week **Open the Book** offers the children at St Andrew's School an opportunity to hear the major stories of the Bible in an interactive and enjoyable way.

A small team from St Andrew's Church comes along on Tuesdays to work with the children who re-enact a story from the Lion Storyteller Bible.

The theme for the first few weeks of the school year is **More about Jesus**. The stories started with **The Centurion's Servant** based on Luke 7 and then **The Kind Stranger** based on Luke 10; **I Can See!** based on John 9; **The Big Party** based on Matthew 22 and then **Big Bags of Money** based on Matthew 25.

Here is the **Good Samaritan** helping an injured man at the roadside one of the ways Jesus taught us to be **kind to others**.

The pupils look forward to these sessions and are keen to take part each week to find out more about the bible story.



St Andrew's Church
Family Focus
September 2011

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St Andrew's Tots

This group is off to a good start. A small group of pre-school children and their carers meet for an hour and a half in the Scout and Guide Community Hall in Hampton each Friday in term time.



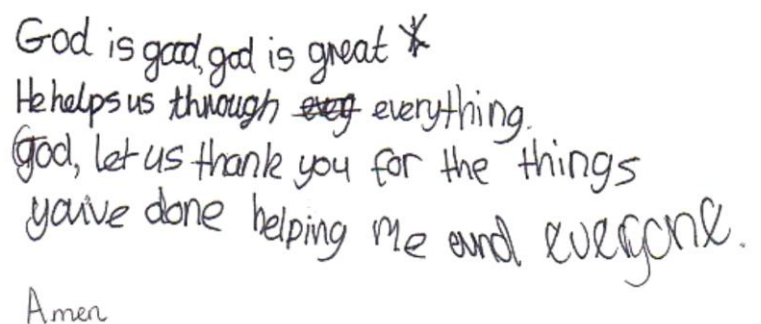
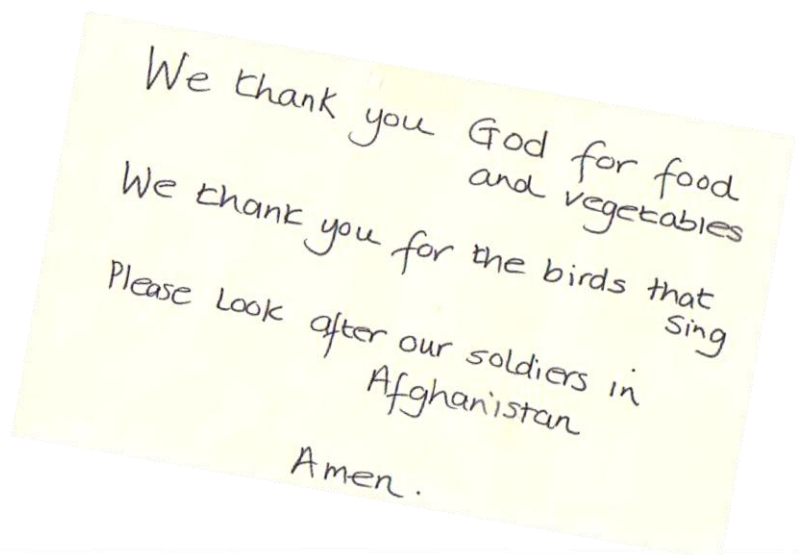
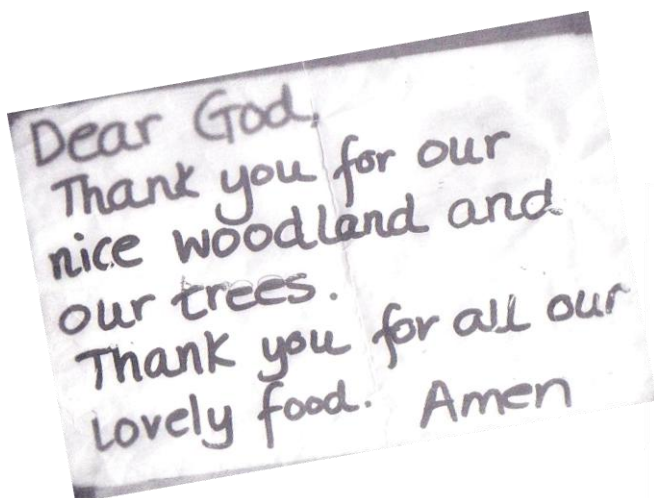
They have a cup of tea or coffee, socialise and learn about our Christian faith in an informal way.

They will be meet at 1.15pm on 7th and 21st October and at 9am on 14th. If you look after a toddler why not come along and join in?

For more information please contact Rhoda on 07932 652 646 or drop into one of the sessions.

St Andrew's School Prayers

Each day the pupils at St Andrew's School write a prayer which they read out at lunchtime - these deal with the issues and concerns they have. Here are a small selection of them.



Youth Group

The Youth Group meets each Thursday evening in term time in the Parish Room at the Vicarage from 7pm until 8.30pm. Young people aged 10+ enjoy fun activities, games and a drink and snack!

The group is planning the service on Sunday 6th November at St Andrew's Church at 11am. Why not come along to this service which will be suitable for all the family?

Contact Charlie on 01386 424 235 to find out more.

Back to Church Sunday 25th September - 11am

Sunday 25th September is **Back to Church Sunday**.

At St Andrew's church we will be welcoming those who don't usually come to church - whole families might come together - or you can come along with your friends.

We are planning a special '**welcome back**' service. You will receive a warm welcome and can join us for a cuppa after the service.

Open the Book - 'The Kind Stranger'



Some of the group of pupils who re-enacted the story from Luke's Gospel.

Harvest - Sunday 2nd October 11am

Traditionally this is the time to celebrate a successful harvest. In the Vale of Evesham we are surrounded with fields where all sorts of crops from wheat and corn to vegetables and fruit are grown. The Church and the School will be joining together to give thanks for the harvest and to support a local charity along the way.



For very many years it has been the custom to bring the fruits of the harvest to church at this time. Those harvest gifts are then distributed to the needy in the community.

Once again we are supporting the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre's **Caring Hands** project. Caring Hands is an organisation that continually seeks to help relieve poverty and need in the Vale of Evesham.

Those referred receive food parcels, toiletry packs, bedding, clothing, sleeping bags and blankets free of charge depending on their circumstances. People can also receive a free hot meal twice a week at the **Caring Hands Diner**.

Referrals include people on low incomes, in severe debt and have benefit issues, single parent families, ex-offenders, families of offenders, homeless/rough sleepers, people with addiction problems and mental health problems and also those in crisis situations such as illness, injury, relationship breakdown and bereavement.

Caring Hands operates through the Vale of Evesham Christian Centre and networks with many community organisations.

Harvest Week starts on Sunday 2nd October at 11am in St Andrew's Church and continues throughout the week in St Andrew's School and ends with a Harvest Supper with entertainment in the Scout and Guide Community Hall on Saturday 8th October at 7pm for 7.30pm. (Tickets for the supper are available from Ray Edwards on 443683.)