



... having a heart for children with children at its heart



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Kids wise thoughts and inspiration from the Vicarage

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Let me introduce myself

Hello! You've seen me about and a lot more recently with Pat needing to take time to rest after his accident last May. As I have the privilege and joy of working with your children.

I'd like to take a moment to let you know about me. My name is Helen and I am married to Les. We have two adult children Tamara (22) and Barbi (19). Les and I have been happily married for 25 years and are looking forward to the next 25 years or more of togetherness. I currently work at a local secondary all boys school as a teacher/HLTA and have been there for the last 7 years. For approximately six years I led the children's ministry at St Barnabas Church, Bearwood. I have led Crèche at New Wine Wales (a summer Christian conference) amongst other roles and worked with the children at New Wine Shepton Mallet. I was a Guide leader for 10 years and led Rainbows and was Tawny Owl at Brownies!!

St Andrews in many ways is not a new church for me or my family - Les and I were married here, both girls were christened, attended Parent and Toddlers and Pre-School here.

I am a Christian and unashamed of my faith but I don't carry a big black bible to bash you or your children over the head with!!! I am a licensed minister for Jacobs Well, a healing centre in Cwmbran, South Wales.

At St Andrews I have been asked to oversee the children's ministry and more recently been voted onto the PCC. So that's a little bit about me and I look forward to getting to know you in time! Do say Hi! *Helen x*



Coming soon There is a tremendous amount of work going on in the undercroft of our building to develop and create a place where a Foodbank can be opened to the people of Kinson and Northbourne. Would you like to be part of the volunteer team? Be in touch with Sandy

All change? Some change? No change?

WOT started in since then we have seen new people join and watched many Y6 pupils move on to secondary school. In all that time it has been an absolute blessing to serve both the children and the parents.

We are however, needing to think about change - not for change sake - but about improving everything for you and your children. We are currently struggling to have enough people to help Sandy in the kitchen and enough people to help with the children's activities And as a result there is a real need to ask lots of questions!

We will be putting together a questionnaire and we would appreciate it if everyone could complete so that we hear what it is that you want WOT to be and when you want it to be. We know that you have just finished completing the Census - but we promise that ours will not be that big and will only take a few moments of your time whilst at WOT enjoying a cup of coffee/tea. Can we thank you in anticipation of your help. If there are other people you know who would like to attend WOT but are unable to for some reason, please take a questionnaire for them so we can hear their view as well

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Dates for your diary



Fancy a Brew?

Join us for Coffee and Cake every Tuesday from 10.30am

GREEN CHURCH

St Andrews endeavours to be a green church and we would prefer in this aim to email the newsletter to those who have computer access. Please let Su have your email address!

A Bigger Frying Pan!

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Author Unknown

Two men went fishing. One man was an experienced fisherman, the other wasn't. Every time the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he put it in his ice chest to keep it fresh. Whenever the experienced fisherman caught a big fish, he threw it back. The experienced fisherman watched this go on all day and finally got tired of seeing this man waste good fish. "Why do you keep throwing back all the big fish you catch?" he asked.

The inexperienced fisherman replied, "I only have a small frying pan."

Sometimes, like that fisherman,

we throw back the big plans, big dreams, big jobs, big opportunities that God gives us. Our faith is too small. We laugh at that fisherman who didn't figure out that all he needed was a bigger frying pan; yet how ready are we to increase the size of our faith?

Whether it's a problem or a possibility, God will never give you anything bigger than you can handle. That means we can confidently walk into anything God brings our way.

You can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13).

Nothing is too big for God. Stop telling God you've got big problems, but instead tell your problems to a big God!



Everyone has heard of Alpha ... for some it is a great chance to ask all the questions about God in a safe place. For others it is the course that changes lives. For others still it is the thing you stay away from at all costs!!! We all have questions that we want answers for - and maybe Alpha isn't for you and as you know St Andrews isn't about catching you or catching you out. We do have an Alpha course running do ask Sandy if you are interested - but if you just have a question or want someone to pray for a situation for you email us! We are here for you. We simply want you to know how much God really loves you.

