Lovely to see families returning to the church building again. Please do not be concerned or worried about how your children will behave in church. We are just delighted to see you. We fully appreciate just how difficult it is for you and your children to come back after so long. So I would encourage you to give it a try and see how it is and then if there is anything I can do to make it easier for you the I will.

Thought for the week

**Lift Raft**

Does it ever seem to you that nothing in your life is right?

When things go wrong, God knows we might start to wonder, Does God care about me? Can he do anything about it anyway?

So God makes you a promise to hold on to – a life raft for his children in a storm:

 I am not hurting you.

 I have a Good Plan for you and a Bright Future for you.

 I am planning unending good for you in your life!

Things are not always as they seem.

But God is always up to something big. Always up to something good.

*‘ “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 (NIV)

Thoughts to make your heart sing by Sally Lloyd-Jones & Jago

pew boxes

Each week there will be available in church individual pew boxes of activities for your children. Included will be a worksheet for them to do during the service, a couple of craft / pray activities & a sheet for you to take home. There will always be a streamer for them to wave during hymns, colouring pencils/pens & a fabric holding cross / heart to help your children with their prayers.

WOW@HOME / Bedtime@StPaul’s

[WOW@Home playlist (You Tube)](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLshEjLHOXIejVbE9r9RZWhDs182Yx5l9C)

[(231) Bedtime@StPaul's - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLshEjLHOXIei1NgdN0a8y5KteaqvpBpmL)

video bible story & worksheets

10am each Sunday there will be a video posted on our Facebook for any families not able to attend church in person.

Worksheet links (which will be in the pew boxes).

[2-may-activity-sheet.pdf (rootsontheweb.com)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22503/2-may-activity-sheet.pdf)

 [[roots-at-home-2-may-2021.pdf (rootsontheweb.com)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22916/roots-at-home-2-may-2021.pdf)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/22427/roots-at-home-18-april.pdf)

New prayer stations!!

I have installed some new prayer stations in the grounds of the church. There are 4 stations around the loyd memorial garden (white fenced area). They are focusing on god & creation. I do hope you find them useful.

children’s services / groups

During this term we will be re-evaluating our children’s provision moving forward out of COVID. I would love to hear your thoughts / suggestions / requests. We are very aware that family situations have changed and your children will have changed since COVID and so we want to do our best to offer you and your children the right events moving forward.

If you would like to meet for a coffee / walk then I am here if you want to talk. So please do either text or email me.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and joyous week, with blessings, Alison

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