

CHURCH NEWS: Baptisms

The church building was packed out in July for the baptisms of two of our young people. Lots of friends from the village and further afield came out to support Rob Gardner and Isabella Midgley as they took this important step.



The event was topped off with a BBQ, but the highlight for many of us was to hear both Rob and Isabella talk about how God has worked in their lives, and how they have a certain hope for the future because of Jesus Christ.

LIFE, FAITH & HOPE

survey results from the village



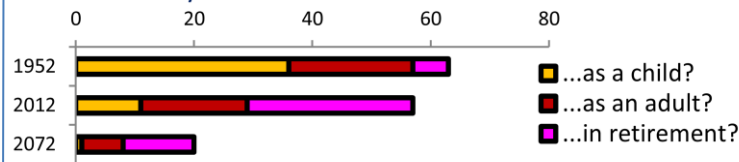
It was great to meet so many of you at the Village Fete and Field Day in June. As well as offering a range of Jubilee and Olympic themed activities for young and old, we devised a couple of surveys to give you the chance to share your opinions about **life** and **faith**. We've put some of the findings in the charts below.

Looking back over the results now, it's apparent that the word "**hope**" dominated many of the conversations we had, and yet it's sad to say that generally people seemed to be pessimistic about their futures here, and totally uncertain about their destination after death.

Survey 1: Hope Here

The first survey focused on quality of life in the past, present and future. The vast majority of local people thought that the past was better than life now (unless you were retiring) and that **the future offered little hope**. The reasons people gave included breakdown of community, loss of innocence and financial worries.

When do you think is the best time to be alive...

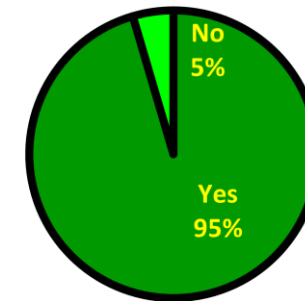


As Christians, we find comfort in the fact that **God is in control**. A verse in the Bible that has helped many of us is found in 1 Peter Chapter 5 Verse 7 which says "**Cast all your anxieties on God, because he cares for you**". God wants to help you; He doesn't want you to struggle through life alone!

Survey 2: Hope There

One of the questions we asked in our second survey was "If there is a heaven, do you think you'll go there?". Virtually everyone gave the same response – they expressed only a nervous hope that they would get in.

If there is a heaven, do you think you'll go there?



If we're honest, maybe this isn't a surprise. When we look at our lives we have to admit that we often fail to live up to our own standards, let alone God's! This is summed up in a famous part of the Bible which says "**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**" (Romans Chapter 3 Verse 23).



toast.

table tennis // pool // air hockey // music // badminton // bible talks // outings // gigs // films // loads of toast // snooker // table football

11-18s Youth Club // Fridays 7:30-9:30 // Free



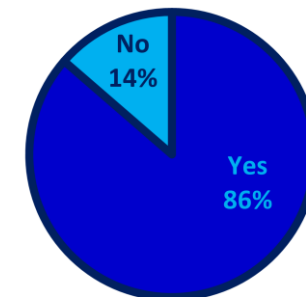
signposts Free Entry!

Fridays at 6:30 - 7:30pm (term-time)



Club for 5 - 10 year olds

Do you believe in God?



The good news of the Bible is that we will go to heaven if we rely not on what we have done, but on what Jesus has done for us by coming to earth, living a perfect life, and dying on the cross on our behalf.

It is wonderful to have a **certain hope** that our future is safe and secure, and we would love more people in the village to experience this too.