



A very warm welcome
Sunday 14th April 2023

What to Expect:

Welcome - Tom Wright
Song - Come Praise And Glorify
Song - Where O' Grave?
Confession
Lord's Prayer
Prayers - Daisy Pike
Notices & Break
Song - Lamb Of God
Reading - Luke 13:10-21
Sermon - Luke 13:10-21, Tom Barnardo
Song - By Faith
Final Words

Children: We're committed to helping all ages know Jesus better so we run age-appropriate groups. Speak to a staff member or email Tom: tom.wright@snca.co.uk

Photography and Filming: Our service is being live streamed. You may feature if you're in shot of the camera at the back. We may also take photos for our website and social media. Please speak to a steward if you would rather not feature.

Notices

- 1. Welcome.** Especially if you are new! Please fill in a 'tell me more' contact card at the back.
- 2. Recently joined?** Scan the QR code to stay up to date with church family news and events: sign up to emails, join our WhatsApp group, subscribe to the calendar. 
- 3. Christianity Explored.** A three-week course designed to introduce people to the central claims of Jesus. Begins **Wednesday 19th April, 7pm-8pm** at **St Nick's Church**. Visit our website for more information.
- 4. Weekend Away.** Sign up now and join us on **12th-14th May** for our weekend away! Paul Clarke will be speaking from the book of Malachi on **Living God's Love**.

Introduction: what's the forecast for the kingdom of God?

a. God's kingdom will grow massive... even though it starts off tiny

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number..." (Revelation 7:9)

b. God's kingdom will get everywhere... though we won't always see it

"... from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (Revelation 7:9)

Conclusion: kingdom investment is wise investment

Questions for discussion:

Why can we invest in the kingdom of God with confidence?

What would it look like for us to do so?

What makes us feel pessimistic/reduces our confidence in the gospel?

How do Jesus' illustrations help us not be so negative?