

## Focus August and September 2022



**Northall Baptist Church – 200**

**years and still going.**

***A little Church with strong local links.***

### ***Working Together***

Did you enjoy the St. Mary's Carnival on Edlesborough Green?

The weather was better than predicted as it didn't rain until after we had packed up. The sun shone quite a lot of the time, although it was a little windy at times.

The wide assortment of stalls gave enjoyment for all. It was lovely to meet friends and neighbours that we hadn't met for some time and catch up with those we'd not seen since before lockdown. Fish and chips, burgers, cake and ice-cream meant there was enough to keep us fed and the games kept everyone entertained.

The Queens and the Attendants on the floats all had a good time dressed in their pretty dresses. One of the exhibits that we haven't seen for 3 years. The performances in the ring were interesting, the dog show, singing, exercises as well as the old cars as usual were delightful, together with the amusements making the whole day enjoyable.

So, everything worked together. Fun was had, friendships renewed and food consumed. A great party, while donations helped to support the local Church and local charities. In the Old Testament book of Psalms, King David wrote 'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity'. How much more enjoyable and achievable when things are working together.

We had an interesting experience at the Carnival as we shared our pitch as ***Village Churches Together***. We shared the work of erecting and taking down the huge marquee. This involved all pitching in to do what we could to help and to follow the instructions to ensure all the pegs and toggles were in the right place. Churches working together has been a goal in recent years. After all we have a common goal of eternal life with our Saviour Jesus Christ. There is no competition there. So a bit of practice here and now doesn't go amiss!



**"Village Churches Together" at the Carnival**

There was a great deal of interest in the free games on offer, the free bags from the Salvation Army and the free books and pencils given out. Children particularly tried their skills at a variety of games but older people pitted their skills at Jenga. All was free. Some offered to pay but God's love to all is free. Amazing!

In these difficult times both in this country and around the world, why not think about God's love in Jesus, free if you only ask for it.

Our Sunday services, are now back in Church 11 am. We love you to join us for our worship and song. You will get a warm welcome. For those unable to attend in person we also stream our services.

For those interested in the history of Northall Baptist Church, a free copy of the booklet, Rebels in Green Pastures can be supplied or downloaded from our website: <http://northallbaptistchurch.org/>  
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