



Polar Explorers Holiday Club



45 children aged from 2-11 joined youth and adult leaders led by Sir Random Finds (AKA Wendy Thomson) and Bare Feet (Ben Madeley) to explore what Peter, Stephen, Philip, Saul and Timothy might teach us about God and about ourselves. A huge team helped us transform St James into a winter wonderland complete with mountain, igloo, polar bear and reindeer...

In all some 35 young people and adults worked together over a period of several months of planning and preparation in order to present the five mornings of activities. There was story-telling, drama, craft, music and singing. The Polar Pit-stop served refreshments and the mornings positively flew by in a frenzy of activity. And on Day Five it snowed! And courtesy of the hospitality of Luke & Chrissie Stacey some 65 of us picnicked at Balney Grounds to bring the week to a



conclusion. Whilst we were walking and picnicking the tidy away team arrived led by Glyn & Sandra Hollinshead and Thom Clubb and his best man and ushers, all of whom had a vested interest in returning the church to normal ahead of Thom's marriage to Kate the next day!

From Sir Random Finds said "overwhelmed by another successful holiday club at St James a huge team effort has

brought the arctic to Hanslope in polar-tastic fashion. Highlights for me personally have to be the smiles on the children's faces, the laughter from the huskies and the love and friendship that has bound us all together! The flag may



be coming down but our spirits will remain high and joyous! Xx".

Each morning also included interactive prayer stations with the opportunity for the children to pray in different active ways. Our prayer hands, for instance, were a way of encouraging the children to think about helped them in their lives and to say thank you.





It even snowed! As a slightly startled gathering of parents and friends discovered at the Friday morning end of week feedback session!