

Charlotte's Vision

The Kids @ Swanmead

The Kids@Swanmead, "why this name for our children's work, you may ask?" Answer; because this is exactly what they are. They are the kids at Swanmead. It isn't everyone's ideal to work with children. Some are called, others may be asked. I see it as a privilege. Psalm 127 v 3 (message bible) Don't you see that children are God's best gift.

How can we ensure that our children can realise this themselves, when we live in a world full of rejection and knock backs? It's our responsibility to nurture and teach them to truly understand this.

As the person heading up the children's work my dream and vision is to see our children grow in relationship with God, help them realise that their time at Sunday school is not a place they have to go so the grown ups can listen to the preacher. It is their own time to learn and hear from God. Our children are at an age where they are eager to learn. In a child's weakness there is vulnerability, not hardness.

In their humbleness there is an openness to God. Children are the next generation, not to be dismissed as irrelevant. They need to be valued, loved and shown compassion. They are God's best gift, and here at Swanmead I want all the children to come to an understanding of this and for them to flourish in their own personal journey.

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