

Duggie Dug Dug's weekend.

As soon as Millie and Elena suggested that we should invite Duggie Dug Dug to our Church, the excitement started to build as we looked forward to his Crazy Science show on the Saturday and to Duggie leading us in Worship on the Sunday.

After some very generous donations and a couple of brilliantly supported brunches the necessary funds were raised and the weekend couldn't come fast enough.

The hall was packed with adults and children as Duggie and his assistant John (aka Poop) performed science experiments to demonstrate God's amazing world and His awesome power, linking them to Bible Stories and introducing some new songs, "With God's Power Working in Us", "Okey Dokey", "Tidal Wave" and "Never Gonna Give Up" and some "old" favourites, "Hi 5" and "Lovely Jubbly" which was ably assisted by an assortment of animal puppets brilliantly operated by some very willing volunteers.

In the next hour and a half there was water, custard pies, new dance routines, chemicals, bouncing bubbles and to bring the show to an end, an experiment to demonstrate Jesus's power of forgiveness and cleansing of our sins.

After moving his equipment into Church ready for Sunday morning and Duggie and John retired to Stan and Kath's house for a well earned rest.

It was brilliant to see so many people joining Duggie for worship on the Sunday morning. Duggie started the service by leading us in two hymns, "We Want to See Jesus Lifted High" and "10,000 Reasons" and introducing a new song, "God of the Big" and repeat performances of two songs we'd learnt on the Saturday.

Duggie told us about a holy, special, Jewish word for God "Yahweh" which sounds like breathing. Every time we breathe, from our first breath to our last, we are saying the name of God, wherever we are - in the park, in the swimming pool or in the baff, or baath! 😊

After re-enacting the story of Jesus and Leper, demonstrating the power of God's air and how we can change the world, one person at a time, the service was brought to an end with two very familiar songs, "I Love You" and "Be Happy".

Everyone agreed that the weekend was a huge success, it was lovely to see so many people worshipping together on both days and being brought closer to God by Duggie's unique form of worship.

Mike Owen

P.S. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the Garden Party and Duggie's visit such brilliant successes. I really appreciate all the hard work that went into ensuring the Garden Party went ahead, despite the last minute changes due to my absence and the unpredictable weather.

P.P.S. I'd also like to thank everyone for their messages of support during my recent difficult time, your love and prayers has helped me recover back to my "normal" self.