

# Holiday Headlines

St Nicholas Holiday Club

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**Colouring, singing, listening, playing, studying, crafting ... we've been enjoying the first two mornings.**

## The tax collector

*Jesus' disciples were quite an unlikely bunch. They were not particularly educated, nor particularly good. So it is all the more amazing how he changed their lives and we still hear their stories today.*

Tax collectors are never very popular, but even less so in first century Israel. They worked for the Roman colonists and often pocketed money for themselves. So when Jesus called Matthew to be one of his disciples, the religious leaders were the first to criticise: "Why does your teacher eat with the tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard this he said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Christians believe that Jesus still calls people to follow him. We are by no means perfect, but he can make us better than we might have been.

You can read Matthew's story in his gospel, chapter 9.



Part of our longest ever memory verse. With 34 words, it took everyone to display it!

## Something to remember

*Each day we have a Bible verse to learn. Don't forget that you get one point for remembering the words of the verse, and one point for the reference.*

The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them.

Luke chapter 19 verse 10

*and a reminder of Tuesday's verse. Four points if you can remember them all.*

I look at the heavens, which you made with your hands. I see the moon and stars which you created. Why is man important to you? Why do you take care of human beings?

Psalms 8 verses 3 to 4

## Something to look forward to ...

No, not a reprise of our Veggie Tales space story "The Fennel Frontier", but nearly as good will be our Harvest Festival, which is on Sunday 2 Oct.



The church will be decorated with lots of flowers and produce and everyone will be welcome to the special service at 10 am. Make a note in your diary!

Why did the chef quit?



They cut his celery!

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Help the astronaut find his lander ...

