

St John's Church – Horwich

Amateur Photography Competition 2010

1. Here is your chance to show your photography skills and to raise money for Church funds at the same time. Enter our exciting **“Photography Competition”** whatever your age or experience as a photographer. Not only are there prizes to be won, but your picture might also be chosen for further church projects, such as the making of a 2011 calendar.
2. Anyone with any connection at all with St John's Methodist Church, Horwich, is welcome to enter; those who attend Church as well as members of organisations using the Church premises.
3. The theme for the competition is **“All Things Bright and Beautiful”** so your pictures need to illustrate this idea in whatever way you choose.
4. To encourage as many entries as possible from all sections of our Church community, there will be two age categories. Pictures by entrants under 16 years of age on the closing date will be judged separately from those of older entrants – and there will be separate prizes, of course!
5. Fundraising from the venture arises from the fact that there will be a fee of £2 for each photograph entered (£1 per photo for those under 16 years of age). ***You can enter as many photographs as you like*** to increase your chance of winning **one** prize from the judges as well as winning the popular vote.
6. The only photos you cannot enter are any that have already won a competition. We are looking for new expressions of the theme and hope that you will take the opportunity to enter pictures taken over the next few months.
7. All the pictures will be displayed in the Church to begin with and will therefore need to be big enough to allow comfortable viewing. Therefore the smallest acceptable size for printed photos will be 7 inches by 5 inches (17.78cm x 12.7cm). The largest size is 16 inches by 12 inches (40cm x 30cm).
8. You will need to mount each photograph on card for ease of display. On the back of the mounting card you should write your full name. On the front of the mount, below the picture, you should label the image with a title that suggests your idea to the viewer.

9. If you are entering in the younger category you also need to put your age on the back of the picture mount so that judges can consider the age of the photographer if they need to.
10. For each person entering there will be a short application form to fill in. It will ask for name, address, contact details and the titles of the entered picture(s). This is to make sure that we have all the contact details for applicants, to record receipt of entry fees and to confirm the entry category (for those under 16 years of age, we will need your age as well).
11. Your entries need to be received by 5pm on **Monday 30th August 2010 (Bank Holiday Monday)** at the latest. Of course it is better to give them in well before this deadline. Details of how and where to hand them in will be circulated later.
12. All your pictures will be displayed in the Church hall for two weeks from Tuesday 31st August. This will allow anyone using the Church premises to view your work. Furthermore, voting slips will be available so that visitors can vote for their favourite picture. And there will be a prize for those who top the popular vote in each age category.
13. After the two week voting period, an experienced photographer (not associated with St John's in any way) will judge the photos. Prizes will be awarded for the top three pictures in each age category.
14. Later, a selection from all the photos will be made, if possible, to include in a "Church Calendar for 2011", which will be for sale.
15. So, use your imagination, get out and about with your camera and start clicking. I am sure we will have a wonderful variety of ways in which to interpret "**All things Bright and Beautiful**". Good luck!

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