**As co-operative as Noah**

The story of Noah and the ark is probably one of the best known Bible stories, even among those who aren’t Christian, Jew or Muslim (the story appears in all three holy texts).

***Read Genesis 6:9-22***

Most people know the basics of the story of the flood, but it is important to reread it. In the above passage, God tells Noah what is going to happen and then gives detailed instructions about building and filling the ark. Can you imagine what that must have been like – it would be a mammoth undertaking for a construction company today, let alone for Noah and his three sons!

It took a lot of hard work, probably a lot of frustration and confusion at times. It was difficult physically but also mentally – not only were they building a massive ark, they knew what was going to happen to all their neighbours and friends. They were mocked by those who knew them – after all they lived nowhere near the water and surely it wouldn’t rain that much!

Noah lived on that boat with all those animals for a long time, knowing that when he finally got off, everyone they knew would be gone. He cared for the animals, his family and continued to listen to God. Trusting God, no matter what happened.

**Q – Is there anything you wouldn’t do for God?**

**Q – Has God ever asked you to do something that you felt was strange or challenging?**

**Q – What was it like to obey or to refuse?**