

# Youth Worker's Newsletter

## January & February 2024

### School Work

The work in School is still going very well. We have had a new noticeboard placed outside the school which is great to advertise everything we are doing, both for youth work and in the church.

Godly Play has continued to go well, with Emma doing a great job telling the stories with each class. We are having some really great reflections from the students.

We had a nurture group come to the church to finish off the mosaic table which is now outside at the school.

The school has an amazing new school banner which was presented to the school and was blessed at the end of term service.

Topics I have covered in Collective Worship are:

- **Armour of God**
- **Epiphany**
- **Jesus calms the storm**
- **Peace**
- **Sin**
- **St Margaret**
- **Tolerance**



## Yodah School Group

The young people are continuing to lead our closing prayer which is great. They are really starting to think about what they are praying about. This is a great group and it is amazing to see all the young people grow each week.

During the last two months we have done:

- Christmas hotseat
- Biscuit decorating
- Lego workshop
- Sweet bingo
- Minute to win it
- Pancakes
- Cake decorating



## Foodbank

Please remember the Food Bank. Numbers have dropped slightly but there is still a need and items of personal care, drinks and condiments are always short and needed.

## Downland Secondary School

Since my last update I cannot believe what God is doing in this ministry. Before half term we had 73 young people attending the group and we are having some

great conversations with the young people. It has been great to see some staff wanting to get involved as well.

### Toast Club

Toast Club sees a regular number of young people on a weekly basis, and we hope that numbers will grow in the new school year.

### Yodah Youth Group

Youth group has had fun since starting back after Christmas with a Lego workshop, the big fat quiz of the year, sweet bingo, craft, pancakes and minute to win it challenges. I want to thank all those who help run this but, in addition, it has been great to have a local young person coming along to help run the group.

### Future Ideas progress.

We had an amazing Pancakes and Coffee morning on Shrove Tuesday where we had an amazing team. They made around 150 pancakes in a very short time. We had such a great group of people attending. Families from school and church members and it was a really good atmosphere in the church.

We launched a new ministry to the staff at the school where we take a cake to the school each Wednesday. We have had some really positive feedback from the staff who feel loved by the church. If you would like to bake a cake – let me know!

In June we are supporting the Diocese with help to run family camp which is a new venture in the Diocese and it would be great to have some of our families joining this event.

I want to thank those who have donated recently to the youth group for the new equipment we have been able to get which the young people love.



# FAMILY CAMP



## Invitation to join the first Chichester diocesan Family Camp!

An opportunity for families from across the diocese to come together in the heart of the beautiful South Downs National Park to enjoy a weekend of fun activities and adventure interspersed with worship and family time.

The weekend will start on Friday afternoon and finish at lunchtime on Sunday.

Cost: £25 per person (under 5's free) including two evening meals and use of all the campsite facilities.

For more information, speak with your church leader and to book your places use the QR code opposite or visit:

[www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53413](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53413)

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## Blessings

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