

# Youth Worker's Newsletter

## September 2021

### School Work

With a new school year starting and things returning to normal, I am back to doing one day a week of collective worship but with 2 sessions with KS1 & KS2 as separate collective worship. This term I am covering the school prayer line by line and it has broken down so far as

- Dear Lord, thank you for being with us all day.
- Lead our school to always be a happy community by guiding us to be caring and trustworthy.
- Help us to forgive others when they are unkind.
- Help us persevere in order to achieve our goals.

We have a few more collective worship sessions to go to finish the school prayer but so far it is going well as lots of children haven't heard it before. Harvest preparations are also well underway.

### Yodah School Group

Our Yodah School Group continues to grow and due to restrictions we had been limited to 12 children. This number had been reached in 10 minutes of the clubs going online and the school called me up to see if we could take more. So with some amazing support from Dorothy, Liz and Tessa we have been able to now take 17 children but still have a few who could not take part due to ratio of adults to children.

So far this term we have played sweet bingo which is always a favourite, then we had some "minute to win it" challenges which got very competitive but they all loved it. We had an autumn leaf craft and they looked great. Again, we finish our sessions with a prayer and the group asked to do the closing prayer which I love as it shows that it is their group but also gives them a chance to lead a prayer.



### Yodah Youth Group

Our group has seen a couple of new members and the activities we have done so far have gone down really well with a free night to start of just catching up, Archery and Chocolate fudge making as you can see from the pictures, they just couldn't wait to get stuck in.



## May Camp

We are in the planning stages for May Camp 2022 with some of the school year 6 pupils already keen to join us. This could be our biggest group attending with lots of interest.

I was hoping that because of this we have a few young people who may be interested in attending but money may be a little tight for the young person to be able to attend due to the cost. May Camp this year costs £100 which includes 3 nights camping, 4 fully packed days of worship, teaching and fun. Also included is all meals and a youth group hoody so everyone feels included in the group.

If you can make a donation or able to fully support a young person to attend this it would be very gratefully received.

## Volunteering

Can I ask you all to consider if you could commit to being part of a team to help run the youth activities? We are still in need of support to help keep to ratios and also to keep commitment small for everyone.

If you are interested, please drop me an email [gpickett170@gmail.com](mailto:gpickett170@gmail.com)

## Funding Support

As many of you know I do lots of different events and activities for the young people. This is only possible through your support to the continuation of my job role and equipment for the event.

I am asking for financial support if you want to see the Church reach the young people of the villages of the Parish then I would really ask you to pray and discern what God is calling you to give to this work. I know you may not always see everything as I do but I can full heartedly tell you I have built up lots of connections with the young people and it would be amazing to carry on building these connections and to keep sowing the seeds of faith.

Blessings

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