

Youth Worker's Newsletter

April/May 2022

School Work

I continue to carry out weekly collective worship in school and this month's subjects have been:

- Maundy Thursday
- Rogation Sunday
- Famous Current Christians
- Ascension

This last half term I had the great pleasure of attending the year 3 & 4 one night residential, I had a great group of year 4 children. We did lots of activities over the 2 days and built on their teamwork skills.

Yodah School Group

The young people continue to ask to lead our closing prayer. We have a list of who is leading prayers until the end of each term and this is helping them to grow in their own prayer life. We are now at the point that all the young people will not get a chance to lead our prayer unless we expand the time of prayer.

This month we have done lots of different activities which has included Toast, Peg Sloths, Lego Workshop, Sweet Bingo, Lid Painting and Biscuit Decorating.

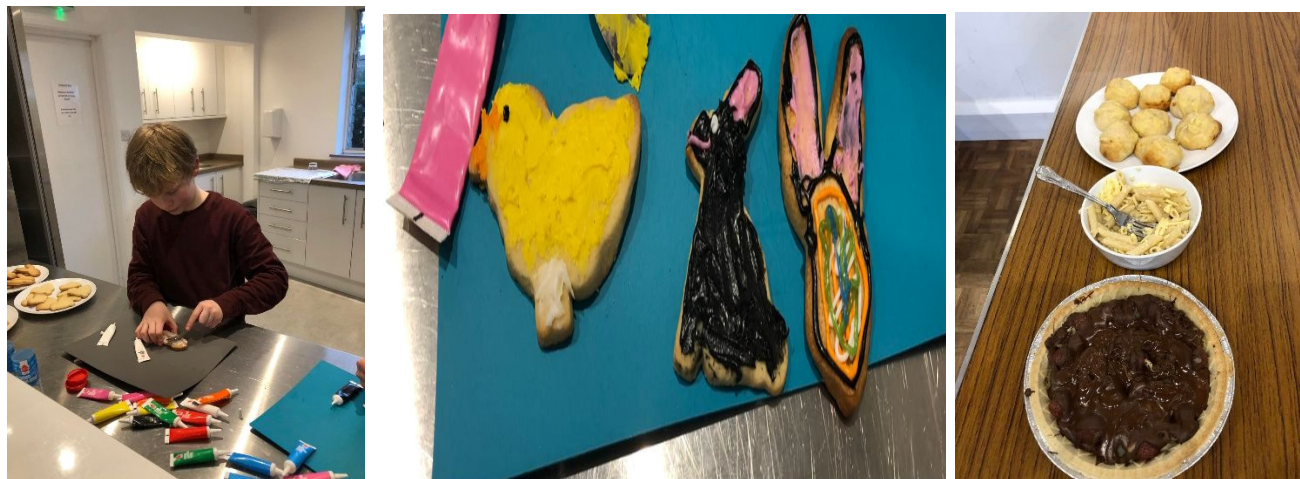


Foodbank

This Sunday 12th June, I will be talking in the morning service at St Margret's about the work of the foodbank and the support that it needs I would love if you can join us to hear about this work.

Yodah Youth Group

Yodah Youth Group has seen a new member and we are ready to launch a new recruitment drive. The group has been having fun this month with Easter biscuit decorating, toast and hot chocolate night, ready steady cook, sweet bingo, a free night and our last night before half term we enjoyed using a VR gaming head set borrowed from the Diocese.



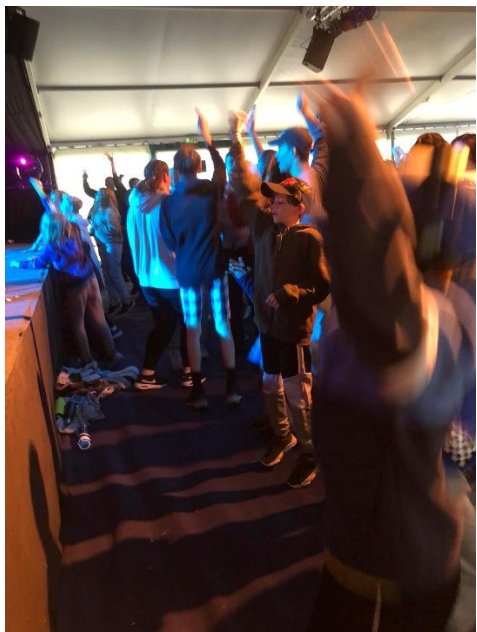
May Camp

This year's May Camp's theme was Chaos after the last two years of chaos it was to help focus the young people. Across the two Parishes we had 29 young people which was one of the largest groups to attend.

We had an amazing group of young people; we started our first night of worship with our group struggling with the volume of the worship as not many had experience worship like this before so half our group sat outside the main venue but we worked hard with the young people and with a quick order from Amazon managed to get some ear defenders which helped. Each day we had different talks in the morning and the afternoons filled with lots of activities including axe throwing, football, slip and slide, crafts, carpentry and lots lots more.



During our worship time we started at the back of the main venue and as the weekend we moved further forward by Sunday evening we stretch from the back to the front of the stage dancing, hands in the air and singing our hearts out but best of all we had young people asking to be prayed for and feeling that they want to explore their faith more.



I am so pleased and proud of our group as they really took to the whole experience of May Camp and we have already got lots wishing to sign up for next year.



Funding Support

As many of you know I do lots of different events and activities for the young people around the Parish. This is only possible if you support me with the events I arrange and the equipment we use.

As always, I am asking for financial support to see the Church reach the young people. I ask you to pray and understand what God is calling you to give to this work. I am building lots of connections with the young people and it is amazing to be able to carry on building these connections and to keep sowing the seeds of Faith.

You can easily donate by clicking on this link which takes you to our Donate button <https://www.beaconparish.co.uk/yodah-campaign>

I have also set up an Amazon wish list but I am still trying to find out the best way to send that out for people to be able to buy items from it. However, I will happily send this to you if you are interested.

Volunteering

A group of us have been looking at what other activities we could start up and run in the village not just for the young but for also for their parents and the Parish as well.

If you would be interested in getting involved and can offer some time and help, please let us know. There are various initiatives under consideration and perhaps one of them will fit with you!

Immediate ideas are a coffee morning once a week in the Emmanuel Centre for babies and pre-school and their parents / au pairs / grannies to meet and support each other. Also, Messy Church on Saturdays. We are looking for lead volunteers and then a group of people to help support them and to be there to talk with parents and the young. If you feel this is for you – please consider getting involved.

You can either talk or drop me or Tessa an email gpickett170@gmail.com or tessaughton@gmail.com

Blessings

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