

# Youth Worker's Newsletter

It's been great to hear that you all enjoyed my first newsletter.

## Schools Work

I continue to do collective worship 3 times a week in school bubbles and the topics covered this month have been

- Lord's Prayer line (But deliver us from evil)
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- I also joined in with the end of term Pentecost service.

I have been continuing with the reading with year 2 and it is great when they get excited to read with me. I have also now been invited to join in with the year 3/4 school trip which is early next term and the final preparation has gone into the prayer spaces.

## Yodah Schools

Our Yodah Schools group is going really well, we have been very busy with lots of activities including Lego workshop, Sharpie mugs, sun catchers and we finished the term with Bingo (always a favourite with the young people).



As I said last time, we always finish the session with a prayer but I have been super excited when one of the lads asked to do our closing prayer and it was such a

great prayer as well. Since that week the young people all ask to do our closing prayer which is so encouraging.

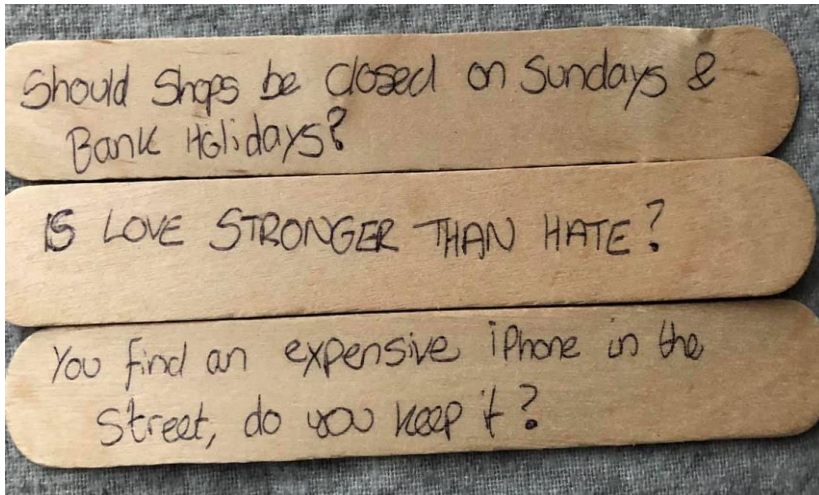
This group continues to do well and we look forward to next term.



### Yodah Youth Group

Our evenings at Yodah Youth have been full on with lots of activity, discussion and free time. Activities included in this half term have been Tenable TV game show, a dance off, suncatchers and you guessed it, sweet bingo to end the term. We are excited about next term as we hope to be out and about in the village a little bit more now the weather is looking better,





### May Camp 2021

SUPER SATURDAY MAY CAMP EVENT DAY at St Francis Church Hassocks as part of our joint working with our neighbouring Parish. We had 21 young people attending the event and the theme of the day was about being connected. We met at 9am for breakfast and afterwards we quickly moved into the main video with worship, a talk, prayer and challenges. During the rest of the day, we were busy with seminars, worship, games and food. The whole day was jam packed and from all the feedback it was really enjoyed by everyone. This is really exciting as we hope that next year, we will have a really big group to take to May camp back at Plumpton race course.



We hope to do a few more breakfast meet ups to do some more of the discussion topics that we didn't get a chance to do and also look at the big questions that the young people have.



## Volunteering

As restrictions ease up it would be good to start to be able to look into more activities but I can't do everything alone. I do need help to set up and run some events. I would like to do a Messy Church on a regular basis but to do this we need a small committed group of people to plan and run these events as it is a big task for just one person. Can I ask you all to consider if you could commit to being part of a team to run these active family church services.

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 know that times are tough for everyone and lots of people are asking for financial support but 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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