

Youth and Children's Stuff at m20

Right then, you have started to read another Youth and Children's newsletter. I hope you are excited, I do try! There has, as usual, been loads going on this half term. For the first time in a while nothing brand new has happened, but the other stuff has been amazing so don't think things are not still very exciting! Hopefully this will be a good update of what has been happening. If you want to know anymore then do get in touch and I will do my best to help!

Thanks for your prayers - all this stuff is exciting, and wouldn't happen without God's blessing.

Enjoy!

KID'S CLUB & Messy Church

I feel like I have talked about the Kids Club on Overslade a lot - but that is just because it is exciting.

We have been having loads of kids at the club - 29 is the most so far - which is just amazing in a few months. They have kept coming back, and inviting their friends. We have fun, do crafts, and tell them about Jesus - what could be better!?

Messy Church has been amazing too, we had close to 80 people last month! We celebrated the church's birthday with music, cake, and of course, jelly and ice cream!

Hopefully the numbers will keep growing, simply because it means we can share the story of God with more people. He is working through this ministry, and that's an amazing thing!

Please pray about this, and if you want to get involved that would be ace. (The Kids club is really taking off, but we can't really deal with many more children - this is a good problem, but one that needs help!)

This is important!

I finish this job in September, to explore new horizons. This is great for me, although I will find it hard to leave. Where it is not great, and this makes me very sad, is there is no one to take over from me. We advertised for someone to replace me, but we didn't manage to appoint.

Whether you have children under 18 at church, help with any groups, or whatever, I plead with you to pray about the situation.

This is a crucial part of the church, and I want to do all I can to make sure that things carry on well when I have gone.

Please pray, that God would work. We all know, we should anyway, that God can work anything to his glory!

What's coming up

Elevate - 20th June

Elevate is run by YFC and it is amazing. The last few have just got better and better, so come along. We will meet in McDonalds in town at 6pm and walk down. Be picked up at 8.30 from the Baptist church.

Small Survivor - 17th June

This month's youth service is going to be the best ever, and the last one before the summer. You would be a fool to miss it. 7-9pm at St Matt's church (and remember some money for the café)

React go Camping - 23th-25th July

This is just for React, and we are going to have a weekend camping at Coton. We will have a camp fire, games and loads of fun. It is £15, permission forms from me!

Soul Survivor - 11th-16th August

This one is just for the guys in Activate. If you don't know what it is, come and speak to me, there is not space to talk about how amazing it is here!

Holiday Club - 1st-4th September

The last week of the school holidays is going to be our holiday club. The first 3 days are going to be on St Oswald's school field and are just for kids. The last day is going to be a big family party at the park by the school!

If you want to help out or come along let me know!

For any more info on any of this stuff, or for booking forms for the stuff that needs that, speak to James.

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Just Walk Across the Room

While you guys were learning to walk across rooms in church, we were doing the same

on a Wednesday night.

This worked really well. We adapted the small group material, and the young people really engaged. I think they realised how important it is to tell their mates about Jesus, and they got some good tips on how to do it well.

It was also great because it meant they got more into the church services. I loved that!

This half term we have a selection of things going on for the young people on Wednesdays. We are looking at facebook as 'community', making some loud worship with Ross Jardine, debating, and talking about evangelising to people of other faiths.

It is all very exciting!

Food for thought:

- 40% of births are outside marriage [2001]
- 23% of children live in lone parent families [2008]
- 12% of girls aged 11-15 are regular smokers [2000]
- 63% of young people (16-19) have a social network profile [2007 - surely more now!]
- 32% of 16-24 year olds said they drank more than 8 units of alcohol once a week [2007]
- 136,000 children were involved in divorce [2007]