

youth at well street

SPRING TERM 2010

Hello!

Welcome to what will be the first of many termly Youth at Well Street newsletters.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed of what is happening in the youth work – whether you're a parent, leader, helper, young person or just an interested visitor!

We run a lot of activities for young people in school years 7-13 (ages 11-18) throughout the week; sometimes it can be hard to keep track of what's happening, to know what topics different groups are exploring, what socials or trips are planned for the coming term and anything else useful.

Hopefully this newsletter will provide some of that information. If, after reading, you still have some questions or just want to know more about the youth work then please do not hesitate to contact me.

As already stated, this is the first newsletter so if you have any feedback or comments on the content then please let me know!

Thanks for reading, God bless!

Nick Francis
Youth Minister



Hill End Group Photo

LAST TERM...

Last Term

Before we look ahead, let's just have a quick look back at last term.

The summer term is always one of the busiest, starting with our annual weekend away at Hill End and culminating with a fantastic three course Christmas meal (photos of both are on this page).



Over 40 young people and adults spent the weekend in beautiful Oxfordshire countryside exploring how faith and real life work together. It was a fantastic weekend where we really saw God at work.



Christmas Party Group Photos

During the rest of the term React, Proteens, Chill'n'Chat and Housegroups all continued as normal looking at a variety of topics and themes.

My involvement in the Royal Latin School C.U increased – I am now with them every fortnight supporting them in leadership and helping to run the meetings.

As already mentioned the term ended with a fantastic Christmas meal, food supplied by the Downing's and various 'old school' Christmas games. Over 20 youth attended and it was great to see all age ranges there from years 7 – 13.

THIS TERM...

React

React continues to be a fun place for the younger element of our youth at Well Street, whilst also giving them the opportunity to explore their faith and receive teaching.

React is exploring a whole host of people from the Bible this term, based on Hebrews 11 – “By Faith”. We really want the young people to see how God has used countless people throughout the ages, because of their faith to trust in Him, and He can do the same with them.

Following a team meeting at the end of last term the format of every Saturday evening is now decided by the evening’s leader – this should lead to a far more varied, exciting and attractive environment (and some interesting evenings, as demonstrated by Matt Downing’s balloon themed night!).

Proteens

For this term Proteens is exploring the same topics and doing the same studies as the rest of church. The whole topic of “Sharing Jesus” is one that is equally relevant to the young people and the more skills, confi-

dence and encouragement we can give them now then the better results we will see as they continue to grow up in the church.

Sunday morning Proteens has shown considerable growth and is normally attended by 6-8 young people. Unfortunately activities and studies are limited by our meeting space. Evening Proteens, whilst numbers have fluctuated, still continues to run on a regular basis.

Socials

There are two socials planned for this term – February 6th and March 27th. Finer details are yet to be planned so watch out for notices!

Chill’n’Chat

Chill’n’Chat – our Sunday night group for older youth (school years 10+) – has carried on with the assistance of several members of the congregation, and a few new young people.

Whilst numbers are not through the roof, attendance is consistent and this term we are exploring a mixture of topics, with a variety of activities – ranging from Jungle Speed (the slightly scary, fast card game) to Wii to Cornflakes (don’t know what it is? Just ask!).

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We are studying the church housegroup notes which help back up and assist the young people in exploring the sermon they will have just heard; on “free” weeks we are using a resource called Sofa Sessions produced by Christian Aid which helps young people explore some of the “big” topics of life – Climate Change, HIV/AIDS, Conflict and Trade to name a few.

Housegroups

There are three housegroups that are currently running: separate girls and boys housegroups for school years 7-9 and a boys housegroup for year 10+. The housegroups for school years 7-9 meet weekly, the older lads housegroup meets every fortnight.

All the housegroups are studying the same topics: Can we trust the Bible?; life in Jesus’ time; why do we need Church?; lip service (how what we say and our language is important); and some of the Gifts of the Spirit (miracles, healing, tongues).

We are also having a couple of socials a term and the possibility of a combined Easter Egg hunt!

How Can You Help?

There are always opportunities to get involved with the youth work. Our biggest needs at the moment are help with Proteens and Housegroups. For more information or details please speak to Nick.

For more information on the details of the youth work please look at the website, or see the notice board in the Lower Hall. If you would like to contact Nick you can do so via e-mail or phone. His details are below.

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