

youth at well street

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Hello!

Summers over! Well, to be honest I'm not sure it entirely got started, but the holiday season is over at least.

I don't know about you but it flew by for me. What with Holiday Club, a short time off work and then straight into preparation for Hill End, a new term and paternity leave it's fair to say it's been a hectic six weeks!

Holiday Club was as always a fantastic experience but more on that overleaf. This term is also looking to be amazing for many many reasons—again, more overleaf.

Read on, and as always, let me know what you think!

Nick Francis
Youth Minister

The view from the back of the room at Holiday Club



NEWS...

Last Term

The summer term was a fairly quiet one by normal standards. React, Chill'n'Chat, Proteens and Housegroups all continued with signs of growth in certain areas and real evidence of God working in young people's lives.

There were some definitely notable events of the last term:

Baptisms—it was great to be able to offer the young people the opportunity to explore Baptism. Several of us met for a couple of weeks and Tom Evans & Tracy Roskell got baptised at a fantastic evening service. More baptisms are being organised for September 18th for those who couldn't make the first date.

Talent Auction & Quiz Night—a group of the older young people ran a combined talent auction & quiz night to raise money for the GAP year fund and Community project—they raised over £200 and did a fantastic job!

Holiday Club—this year was an excellent year for Holiday Club. We had 80 young people—an increase of 20 from last year. Both Venue 1 (primary age) and Venue 2 were at the Royal Latin School which proved to be a real bonus to Holiday Club. The real, amazing fruit was that 12 young people committed, or re-committed, their lives to Jesus that week!



So actually, maybe in reflection it wasn't that quiet! There certainly was enough to be going on to keep us very busy. Praise God for the evidence of so many young people being willing to commit their lives, and serve Him.

COMING UP...

Here is an overview of what is coming up this term at Well Street:

New Housegroup

We've got a new housegroup starting up for girls in school years 7-8. It's being led by Sharon Tayfield & Claire Ashurst—contact them for more info.

Paternity Leave

In case you hadn't heard we are expecting a baby in 2 weeks. When I am off for paternity leave all groups will keep running except for boys housegroup and Sunday evening Proteens.

Hill End

23rd—25th September sees our annual venture to Hill End. The weekend looks to be amazing with guest speakers, new faces and a 60ft inflatable assault course! Want to register—check out the Well Street website.

Fireworks

Firework season is fast approaching and we're hoping to do two trips this year. One on Saturday 5th to Bourton Meadow fireworks and one on Sunday 6th to Campbell Park in Milton

Keynes. Keep your eyes peeled for more info.

Christmas Party

Christmas is also approaching scarily fast! We will be having a Christmas Party at the end of term. Something a little bit different and open to all ages. Watch out for more info closer to the time.

Schools Work

The schools work is continuing to grow. This term in partnership with the parish church we will be in both the Buckingham School and RLS doing assemblies and also running the RLS Christian Union,

What are we learning?

A brief paragraph on what groups are studying this term: React are getting to know some of the characters in the Bible.

Chill'n'Chat will be using some of the Nooma's whilst also exploring issues that teenagers can face—drugs, self-harm, relationships to name a few.

Proteens are continuing to use the Youthwork magazine resource,

Housegroups are again exploring a variety of topics—Philippians, the Persecuted church, sharing your faith and much more.

PROTEENS

Proteens is our group that meets during the Sunday morning and evening services. It is open to young people in school years 7-9.

As a young person church can sometimes be a difficult place to be. Sermons can easily outlast attention span, the words used don't always make sense and the delivery style doesn't always suit the learning style of young people.

Proteens is designed to help ease young people through that. We meet in the office in the mornings and upstairs in church in the evenings. Space can be a limiting factor in our creativity but we are exploring alternative options.

Currently we are using resources provided by the Youthwork magazine to help our studies. The topics the church study don't always translate easily in to something applicable to young people, and the resources offer creative options, and are specifically aimed at 11-14's.

We are at the moment fairly under-staffed in Proteens and it would be great to have some more assistance. If you think you could help, please speak to me.

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 React. For more information or details please speak to Nick.

Calendar Dates

It can be tricky to try to keep track of all the dates. To make life easier there is a calendar on the website which has all the youth events on.

To find it just go to:

<http://www.wellstreetchurch.org.uk/youth/calendar.php>

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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