



Here's a brief update on youth work @ WBC for the whole church family...

Encounter youth group

Encounter is for young people in Middle School & WS College and meets on Thursday evenings, 6.30-8pm at The Sanctuary, led by Neil & Jess. Thursday night sessions usually involve worship, prayer, discussion, games and cake! This term has centred on a series called 'handling emotions', getting to grips with some life issues and what the Bible has to say about them. We're also preparing to lead worship at the school on 9 July, taking the group to see Godspell in Minehead on 4 July and having an end of term BBQ on 20 July.

We're pleased to say that the group has grown this year, in all ways, but we'd really like to see it grow even more and be able to encourage our young people in the best possible way over the next couple of years!



The current group has 11 regulars and will gain at least 3 more in the summer when Lucy, Beth & Tom arrive. A good sized group but with an age range spanning 10-16 years at the moment (with potential to stretch to 9-18!) we'd really like to make some changes for the autumn term...

Our vision is to establish 2 age groups: meeting all together to start the evening and then going into Middle School (9-13) and College (13-18) groups for the second part. This will help us to better fit the needs of the group but also retain the togetherness we've already got. Neil & Jess will lead the older group and Andy is looking for help to establish the younger group. This is our vision and we're asking you to pray for the right people to join the Encounter team to make this happen! We also see the need to move out of our comfort zone and help the young people put their faith into action in a variety of ways - serving and reaching out to friends and the community. We'd also like to re-start a 9-13s group on Sundays morning alongside LSH. Please pray about this too.

For more info please do speak to Jess, Neil or Andy... thanks for your prayers.

Impetus

On 11 June, young people from churches around the area met at The Sanctuary for Impetus - a termly Sunday evening event that is becoming established as a great place for young people to meet, eat and worship with other Christians their age. Worship was led by Sarah Scyner from MBC & Hannah Levett, with Matt on drums. Next one: Sunday 17 September, 6-8pm.

Exmoor Deanery Youth Camps

Exmoor Youth Project are again running two summer camps at Dulverton: 28-30 July for 8-12 year olds and 31 July-4 August for 12-17 year olds. Do pray for Jess and the team as they prepare and lead the camps, and for all the young people joining them.

School Report

We continue to serve our schools in a variety of ways, here are a few highlights...

Back in May Andy, Ruth & Milly were part of the churches team leading '**Bible Day**' at **Knights Templar School**. This year's theme was *Love your neighbour* and the whole school took part in a variety of workshops exploring the parable of the Good Samaritan and Jesus' command to love God and love one another. A brilliant day! Do pray for the school as Headteacher Frances Burns retires this summer and Mr David Frowde joins the school in September.

Pray for Schools Fortnight: thanks to all those who joined in our focused time of prayer for schools in May. The feedback from schools was really positive and as part of the fortnight we welcomed Ash class from KT School to The Sanctuary to join in.



The Sanctuary Prayer Space at Danesfield Middle

School is also continuing to be used by students and staff, and there are now plans to set up a similar space at West Somerset College in partnership with the Minehead School Pastors.

Safeguarding

A reminder that as part of our commitment to children, young people and vulnerable adults our **Designated Person for Safeguarding** is **Neil James**, advising the church on safeguarding matters and a point of contact for any children, young people or vulnerable adults, as well as for parents, carers and volunteers in the church. Neil can be contacted on 01984 639409. Supporting Neil in this important role are John Parsons and Andy Levett our Safeguarding Trustees.

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