

July 2023 YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES NEWS

Spree

We took 13 young people (ages 8-12) to Spree South West, a Youth camp just outside Exeter. The weekend was filled with rides; like the freak out, climbing walls, mobile caving, a football tournament, and venues with songs and dancing, a DJ called Jozzy, testimonies from young leaders, Bible verses, discussion groups and more. The theme of the weekend was "follow me" and it was a great opportunity for the young people to explore who God was, as well as making friends and building a community with the group we took. Thank you for your prayers and your support that helped us get there.

Blaze Holiday Club

Blaze is going really well, we are bringing back **Blaze Holiday Club**. On the **26th, 27th and 28th July, from 10am-12:30pm** for **School Years 2-6**. We've been looking at the parables and miracles of Jesus, and are really excited to spend 3 days exploring some more stories of Jesus and finding out who God is and how we can follow Him in our everyday lives.

Presence in the Park

Over the summer the youth team will be in Castle Park, as they have been the past few years with games, squash and cake. **Mondays 2-4pm**



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Youth Cafe

Numbers at Youth Café have been growing since February, with more and more young people coming to join us, hang out, buy tuck (snacks) and play fifa, pool or football. We consistently see 10 each week, with about 15-20 overall that interact with us, which is really exciting. We, as a team, are loving getting to know them, serving them, finding out about the week, the latest things at school, the next sport tournament, family holidays, etc. As you will see from the photos, our honorary dog helper, Pippin, is always a big hit.

Youth Life Group

Since Christmas we have introduced a meal at Youth Life Group, which gives the young people a connection point, over food and allows them to build community.



Smart Kids

On Sundays, we run Smart Kids during the 11am service. We have a pre-school group and a group for 4-14's that meet in the hall. The session follows a story from the Bible, with snacks and crafts, as well as the chance to discuss the story. From September we would love to have enough volunteers to be able to split the ages into 3 groups, so that we can tailor the teaching for the children we are discipling.

Exciting News

Hannah (Levett), our current Youth Intern, has recently completed her studies with South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) and Moorlands College and will be graduating in the Autumn. But we are excited to say she will be continuing to work with St Martin's Church, and from September will be the Youth Work Lead and Worship Intern.



Smart Kids



Youth Café



Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the children and young people who are a part of our church community and the wider community of Liskeard.

They are going through all sorts of experiences and things in life, some we know about and some we don't.

Some Specifics:

- after the summer holidays they will be moving into new classes, and some are moving up to the next school
- some are beginning exam years like: SATs, GCSE's or Alevels
- some have difficult home or school lives
- we need more volunteers to enable our youth and childrens work to continue to flourish

We'd love your help...

Through inviting children and young people in to the activities like Blaze, Youth Café or meeting them in the park, we begin a journey with them and we would LOVE to invite you to be a part of this journey.

Please let us know if you would be interested in working with young people and children, as we welcome them into a safe space of belonging!

