

Hunsley Christian Youth Trust



Prayer & News Winter '15

Santa On A Bike & Teachers Cleaning Up

Mark Tiddy - Youth Facilitator & Schools Worker

As has become tradition during the last week of term myself, Rob and Rebekah (who, whilst now at university really wanted to return to her previous role!) presented years 7-11 a Christmas themed assembly.

This year's assembly took on the idea of Jesus coming to earth in a way no-one expected and communicated the idea that whereas the people expected a King surrounded by royalty they got a baby, born in a stable because there was no room at the inn.

Using a video clip from Aladdin, part of the Christmas story and a video of some of the senior staff/ heads of houses from South Hunsley doing humble jobs (such as sweeping up & polishing shoes) we challenged students to think about where in their own lives they could act in a more humble way over Christmas.

We finished off the assembly week by linking in with the school Christmas fair and having Rev. Mike Proctor from South Cave join us on his Santa bike alongside an elf (not a real one!) for the last lunchtime before Christmas where we spent time chatting to students and handing out Celebrations. We had some fantastic conversations with students and some of them even took 'santa selfies'!

As always the Christmas assemblies were a great way to finish the 1st term of the school year and to conclude 2014.



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Schools Worker Update

Mark Tiddy - Youth Facilitator & Schools Worker

This term I've found myself speaking at a couple of events about Hunsley Christian Youth Trust (such as the Tuesday @ 10 event in North Ferriby) and each time I've mentioned that I'm starting my 6th year with HCYT people are always surprised that it's been that long and, to be honest, so am I...the time seems to have flown by.



One of the things I have noticed from being around for 5 and a bit years is the difference knowing people makes. Being part of the school community and knowing lots of the staff and students as I walk around is fantastic and it's been through a lot of these relationships that HCYT has had opportunities to do different things over the last few years.

The autumn term is always a bit of a slow start as different clubs and activities get started up again after the summer break but it's been a really good term. Our Explore lunchtime club on a Tuesday lunchtime continues to attract a core group of year 11 boys who have been coming along since they were in year 7 and it's great to spend a lunchtime playing games and exploring a theme. Themes this term have included the bible, movies and spirituality.

Alongside the Explore group we launched 'Discover' just before half term. Discover is a lunchtime club on a Monday that follows the same format as Explore but is aimed at years 7-9. Over the last few weeks we've seen it grow and currently have around 10 young people attending regularly which is a great number to continue building on.

As always there's been more going on this term than is possible to fit into a newsletter but I hope this section and the rest of it gives you a taster for the exciting things going on.

SPARK Youth Service Update

SPARK, our monthly youth service has now been running for 5 years and in that time we've seen young people develop their gifts and confidence as musicians and seen it grow as we've continued to review, tweak and refresh the style of the event.

This last year we've invited our guest speakers to share their story from the sofa and it's been great to hear stories of how God is working in people's lives. This term we've heard from Rebekah Gee, (who had the young people so drawn in to her story that you could have heard a pin drop!), Laura Jones (Eden Project, Hull). Rev. Richard Parkinson (Cherry Burton) and our very own Rob Peirson.



SPARK Update (Continued)

As we start off SPARK for 2015 we introduce a new theme and some new features too in order to keep it fresh. Our 2015 theme 'So what? It happened a long time ago' will see us inviting guest speakers to re-tell a bible story that has meaning to them before giving the young people a chance to explore what it means through discussion and activities and then they will share their experience of the story. We're looking forward to the new year of SPARK and hearing some bible stories brought to life.

The dates/times for SPARK can be found at <http://www.hcyt.co.uk/spark>

Student Youth Worker Update

Rob Peirson - CYM Student Youth Worker

During this last term things have been moving forward with our work in South Hunsley. The sunflowers in the ECO greenhouse have out grown me! Not a difficulty granted but a couple have even outgrown the greenhouse.

We have started a new lunchtime group called 'Discover', which is an off-shoot of 'Explore', but designed for younger pupils. This has started to grow in numbers and we have a good core group of regular discoverees!



The last week of term was also our Christmas assembly week, and although we haven't been wearing onsies this time, we still have a great assembly which reflects on the humble nature of Christ when he came to earth.

In other news I have recently talked at SPARK, wrestled the vicar from Cherry Burton (it's a long story), and we have recently had over 20 young people at the Alpha course ran by St Barnabas' Church.

As the Alpha course has drawn to a close, I am keen to develop the current structure of youth groups in St Barnabas so again watch this space... The next year should have some exciting developments!

(Rob's time with HCYT is split between St Barnabas' Church & schools work)



Event: 3D - Faith In The Real World

On Thursday 5th March, 7:30pm at the Family Centre (next to All Saints' Church, South Cave) Scripture Union are running an evening exploring how faith can thrive at home, school & in church.

More information & booking at www.scriptureunion.org.uk/3dfait

Termly Prayer Guide

We hope this prayer guide will aid you in praying for our work

January

Be praying for Mark & Rob as they plan for the term and as the various clubs and activities start up again for the new year.

Be praying for the directors/trustees of HCYT as they meet mid-January to continue thinking forward for HCYT and sensing the direction God is taking us.

February

Be praying for the half term residential 'Escape' (13-15th February) which we're running. Pray for Mark, Rob, Phil, Andrea, Ian & Liz as they lead the weekend and for all the young people from various churches who are attending.

March

Be praying for Mark & the local clergy during the week 27th February to the 6th March as they deliver a week of assemblies to the 6 different houses in school.

Be praying for the Explore group and those who attend, especially as they near the time when they will be sitting their GCSE's. Pray for the topics we cover this term and the conversations we have.

Be praying for members of the Christian Union, Mark & Rob as they plan and deliver a week of Easter assemblies during the week 20th - 27th March.

April

Be praying for Mark & Rob as they have some time off over Easter. Pray that God would use it to refresh them both and pray especially for Rob as he continues his university work.

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