



It's hard to believe that a term has passed since I started my role here in the Hunsley area and I've had a pretty good starting term with opportunities to be involved in assemblies, Christian Union and in starting up a new lunchtime club.

Early November I had the opportunity to lead a year 7 assembly and got the year 7's thinking about how we judge others before even getting to know them. As part of this I asked a volunteer to choose either a can of coke, a bar of dairy milk or a used tea-bag to take home with him, later surprising him when I revealed that although my tea-bag looked disgusting inside it was hidden a £2 coin. Alongside this simple illustration, a picture of Susan Boyle and a 'guess the price' game, I shared with the year 7's the approach of Jesus in getting to know those who society judged and pushed aside, encouraging them to do the same in their school.

Welcome Rev. Richard Walker (Elloughton cum Brough with Brantingham)



Hello, I am Richard Walker and the Vicar of Elloughton and Brough with Brantingham. 2009 has been such a busy and productive year amongst our 5 parishes as we have put in place the vision for an active Christian Youth Work within South Hunsley School. I am particularly excited as we step into 2010 because this vision has had a really successful start with the appointment of Mark Tiddy and his integration within the school. He now even has a school staff badge!

Part of my role within the Youth Trust is to ensure that our vision relating to the school comes to fruition. To that end I am meeting on a monthly basis with Mark to help him develop these plans. Mark is already making great headway there with a new lunchtime club. The wonderful thing to see is that our colleagues at the school have been so generous in their support of this project – suggesting different ideas that chime both with the school curriculum and our Christian Vision. I have a great working relationship with the head and deputy heads and am excited to report that they have asked me to be a governor at the school where I will concentrate on personal and social development within the curriculum. This I feel will help strengthen our efforts to support and strengthen Christians and their witness at the school.

That said, we must not sit on our laurels. The Lord has given us an excellent start and our grateful thanks must always be given back to him for this. Please continue to pray for and support Mark – it is he that is on the front line really as our missionary to this school. Pray too that finance will continue generously to support this vital project. Above all pray that the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ will be manifest in our Christian lives within the school environment and that many young people will be drawn to meet him in a deeply personal way.

It's been a fantastic first term and the welcome the school has given me is a real testimony to God who goes before us, doing the groundwork for the tasks He calls us to do.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter, hearing about all that's been going on with the work of the Hunsley Christian Youth Trust and using it as a guide for your prayers for the trust.

CU Update Lydia Dobson (Student at South Hunsley)

The Christian Union (CU) at South Hunsley runs every Wednesday after school until 5pm and is a youth group for all the students. It usually includes games, fun and lots of chatting!

So far this term we have been looking at evangelism, faith and other linked topics. Every week we do something a bit different; one week we might do a bit of drama and the next we might do a bit more discussion. This stops it getting too repetitive.

Next term we hope to get more pupils involved as at the moment it tends to be the same people (the majority of the CU go to the same youth group in South Cave). We want to get students involved from all the surrounding villages and all the year groups and hopefully this year we will find new members of the CU.

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At the beginning of December I launched 'Drop-In' in South Hunsley School which is a new club happening on Wednesday lunchtimes. Drop-In ties in with South Hunsley's Anti-Bullying campaign and aims to provide a safe, warm place for young people to go to.

A typical Drop-In includes hot chocolate, a Nintendo Wii, Uno, Card Games, Jenga and most importantly the opportunity to build relationships with young people who may find school a lonely and/or difficult place to be.



On the 14th November we launched SPARK, an inter-church youth service aimed at bringing together young Christians from across the Hunsley area giving them opportunities to get to know young people from other parishes, worship God and have fun.

SPARK contains a blend of social time (Tuck Shop/Wii), games, ice breakers, worship and a talk from a guest speaker. In November Cameron Varley from South Cave shared with us about Holiness and in December with a Christmas feel about the place I shared some thoughts on Christmas and the trust that Mary & Joseph put in God.

It's been really exciting to see young people getting involved in SPARK too, at both events a variety of talented young people have led worship, played in the band and got involved in mixing the sound.

Sadly because of heavy snow fall we decided to cancel January's SPARK and so we launch a new year of SPARK events on February 13th at North Ferriby Parish Hall where Sami Namih from Hull Community Church will be speaking about love as Valentines day looms!

If you have young people who'd like to be involved or would just come along to the SPARK events there is more information on the website (www.hcyt.co.uk/spark) or on the SPARK Facebook group - www.tinyurl.com/sparkuk.



SPARK DATES (SO FAR): 13th Feb @ North Ferriby & 13th March @ St B's, Swanland



We have now completed our first quarter of operation as HCYT and have commenced many wonderful new outreach ventures. Mark is now established within South Hunsley School and we have received very encouraging feedback from pupils and staff alike. SPARK is up and running and offers the prospect of an exciting time during 2010. I have been to two of these so far and I can only offer encouraging words, the worship and the teaching are both fantastic. So what about our financial situation?

Well the good news is that we have managed to cover all of our costs during the Autumn of 2009. However, our only source funding at the moment is that being provided directly from the participating parishes. This has been adequate to cover all of the running costs, but has only provided a limited level of contingency funding. Looking towards the future we need to identify sources of additional income, so if you have any great fund raising ideas now is the time to be putting them into action. Maybe we could have a look at some form of sponsored events during 2010. Any ideas you may have please feel free to contact either myself or any member of the trust.

May I wish you all a happy new year and see you at SPARK

Prayer Points A guide to help you pray for Hunsley Christian Youth Trust

Everything featured in this newsletter is something to be praising God for and praying about but here are some more specific prayer requests to guide you in praying for the Hunsley Christian Youth Trust.

South Hunsley - Praise God for the welcome that South Hunsley School has shown to Mark in his first term. Be praying for the Christian Union, for all the staff in the school and that the Hunsley Christian Youth Trust will continue to be a positive Christian influence in the school.

DROP-IN - Be praying that as Drop-In continues all those involved in running it will build effective relationships with the young people who attend and be praying that those young people who feel isolated or bullied would find it a real safe place to be.

SPARK - Please be praying for SPARK, that God would continue to use it to help young people grow in their relationship in Him and that it would continue to give young people opportunities to develop their God-given gifts.

CU - Be praying for the young people in the South Hunsley Christian Union, that they would continue to grow closer to God and that He would guide the young people as they explore ways of sharing their faith around their friends and around school.