

Hunsley Christian Youth Trust

PRAYER & NEWS SUMMER '11

BIG SPARK NEWS

an exciting July special SPARK event!



SPARK

YOU'RE IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

SATURDAY 9TH JULY AT ST BARNABAS' CHURCH, SWANLAND

7:30 UNTIL 9:30PM | FREE ENTRY

A CHANCE FOR YOU TO PERFORM
CAFE STYLE WITH HOT DRINKS
THE SPARK TUCKSHOP
PLENTY OF GAMES
PLUS GUEST MUSICIAN: LUKE LEIGHFIELD
TAKE PART, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & HAVE AN AWESOME NIGHT

TO TAKE PART - If you want to sing, dance, perform a drama sketch, juggle, lick your own elbow or whatever talent it is you can do, you need to let us know in advance...please submit your name, age and what you want to do to spark@hcyt.co.uk by 1st July 2011

LUKE LEIGHFIELD is a 22-year-old piano pop troubador. He has released three albums, with his debut single 'If You Haven't Got Anything To Say' entering the UK indie singles chart at number 5. To date Luke has done over 500 gigs around the world including mainstage at the UK's Greenbelt Festival in 2010. LISTEN TO LUKE AT www.lukeleighfield.bandcamp.com

In July we'll be running the first of what will become a quarterly SPARK Special. These new one-off SPARK events will see us take a break from our usual format to do something completely different. In July we have guest musician Luke Leighfield coming to play plus an opportunity for young people across the area to take part and show us their talent. Please encourage your youth groups and young people to bring their talent and friends to this special summer SPARK.

For more info & a video promo check out www.hcyt.co.uk/spark

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SCHOOLS WORKER UPDATE

Mark Tiddy | Schools Worker & Youth Facilitator



Once again I write this finding myself wondering how it's been a term since our last newsletter, but as I reflect on the term there's been so many things going on that I know I'm going to struggle to cram them into this newsletter.

This term we've seen the chaplaincy project in school really develop. As we reach

the point of changing some of the activities around, the reaction of the young people who've come in to the Monday lunchtime session come back to me. In particular as I go through the responses to the question 'If you could ask God one question, what would you ask?' I see a huge range of questions young people have about faith & God and whether those questions have led to a conversation or simply been a way for young people to express something of their thoughts to God, I've found the chaplaincy room such an encouraging place to be.

Alongside the excitement of the chaplaincy room I've had the pleasure of doing some lessons on the Amish Christians with year 13 again this term and have also had the opportunity to work through an 8 week programme on self esteem with a small group

of year 7's recommended to attend by their head of year.

Looking forward to the new term there's some really exciting things happening. In June we're running a RE:Action day in partnership with Label of Love and East Riding in North Ferriby for years 6 and 7 in schools across the area. I'm also going to be spending some time with Elloughton and South Cave Primary schools presenting the year 6's with 'It's Your Move' books and giving them an opportunity to think and ask questions about moving up to South Hunsley in September.

Perhaps the event I'm most excited about is the July SPARK event. SPARK: You're in the Spotlight will see SPARK stray away from its usual format and give young people a chance to perform and share their talents. On top of this we have Luke Leighfield coming up from Southampton to play as part of this event. I hope we'll see plenty of young people coming along to it, inviting friends and showing us their talent!

Finally I'd like to thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and encourage you to be praying for the work of HCYT.

Mark Tiddy



SUPPORTING OUR WORK

How you can get involved with HCYT

As the work of Hunsley Christian Youth Trust has grown over the last year and a half we have seen a need for people to get involved in our work. Most importantly this has been through praying for the activities we are involved in running but we also need people to become involved in some of our events in particular SPARK.

We're currently looking for **several volunteers** to make up a **SPARK team**. This role would involve helping to promote SPARK in your church but also helping to set up and lead SPARK on a monthly basis. If you feel you can help please contact us using the details on the back of this newsletter.

We also have a 'supporters' leaflet available. Please contact us if you'd like some of these for your church.

INTRODUCING HELLEN SEWE



My name is Hellen Sewe and I am from Nairobi, Kenya.

I came to the UK to do youth work with an organisation known as Careforce. I felt for some time that God had impressed it in my heart to give myself to mission work. As we know, most of the time missionaries are sent to Africa from the West and Europe and this has been happening over so many years that, I think we forget that the lands missionaries come from, also need spiritual attention as much as Africa does. I was given an opportunity to express my love, my worship and praise to God through my gifts and talents - not many people have this opportunity and just need someone to tell them that they can give to God and worship Him with whatever they have. That is my mission here - to encourage the youth to use whatever they have been given to serve and to let them know that Christianity is not boring and we can enjoy it!

I have done very many different things, including exploring parts of England which I must say are very beautiful in the spring. I've tried the different English dishes, worked with the youth in St Barnabas' Swanland - just learning the ways of life in England. This has helped me step out of the box, to see things from a different perspective, it has taught me not to be so stuck in my own ways. The world doesn't end in Kenya I can say proudly!

The best part of working with HCYT is the Monday chaplaincy (Explore) and the Christian Union on Wednesday. So many people out there need someone to just listen to them at times, need a place where they can just go and feel free, relax, a haven - and that is what HCYT is trying to create. We all have moments in our lives when we have questions and we don't seem to get answers, we have worries and are not sure where to take them and we get frustrated by such things. But, when we actually have someone we can share this with, it becomes lighter on us because at times we don't even need an answer straight away - we just need a listening ear and someone to tell us we are in it together.

My prayer would be - for God to use me as He intended, that someone will learn something from me, as much as I have learnt from my placement, that God's will be done and for His blessings to be seen in the lives of the people around me, as they have been a blessing to me.

SELF ESTEEM WORK

Small group work within school

In the last term Mark has been involved in working with a couple of small groups of students working through an 8 week Self Esteem programme. This material has been written by Beverley Schools Christian Trust and aims to help young people appreciate their positive qualities and to take a step back and look at how they view themselves and think about how they react to those around them.

Whilst the programme doesn't have any Christian content it comes from the perspective that God has lovingly created each and every one of us and it's an exciting new development in the work of Hunsley Christian Youth Trust.

TERMLY PRAYER GUIDE

Your guide to praying for HCYT

The best kind of support you can give to Hunsley Christian Youth Trust is by praying. We have our **next prayer event on the 9th June at St Barnabas' Church, Swanland from 8pm**. Alongside this event please use the specific prayer pointers below to guide you in praying for our work.

Transition work

Be praying for Mark as he works with Elloughton & South Cave Primary schools in helping the year 6's make the transition between primary and secondary and that the 'It's Your Move' books will be well received. Finally be praying for Mark as he helps Label of Love in their RE:Action tour by leading the social action workshop and that God would use these opportunities to make Himself known to the year 6 & 7's across the East Riding who come along.

SPARK - July

Please be praying for the special SPARK event in July. That it will be an event that young people will feel comfortable to invite friends to and that lots of young people will be encouraged to take part and use their gifts as part of this event.

Hellen Sewe

Be praying for Hellen as she continues to get involved with the work of HCYT. Pray that God would really use her in both her work with HCYT and her work with St Barnabas' Church in Swanland.

Explore - Chaplaincy

Finally please continue to pray for our chaplaincy project. Be praying for Mark and Rev. Richard Walker as they review this ministry with school and look towards the future and growth of Explore.

CONTACTING & SUPPORTING US

If you want to contact HCYT you can visit our website at www.hcyt.co.uk (you can subscribe to this newsletter there too).

You can also use the tear-off slip at the bottom of this page or you can contact our schools worker and youth facilitator Mark Tiddy by phone on 07845 349542 or by e-mailing marktiddy@hcyt.co.uk

I would like to be involved in the work of HCYT please send me more information about

- Booking someone to talk about HCYT at my local church
- Becoming a volunteer/helping at events
- Receiving this newsletter by e-mail
- Hearing more about our youth events by e-mail
- Setting up a standing order
- Donating a sum of money (please make cheques payable to Hunsley Christian Youth Trust)

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