

Hunsley

Christian Youth Trust

Prayer & News Winter '14



Virgin' on the Ridiculous!
2013 Christmas Assembly Week



It has become tradition that at Christmas time the South Hunsley Christian Union are involved in delivering a week of Christmas themed assemblies to school years 7-11.

Over the last few years we have tried to make these assemblies as creative & engaging as possible and this year was no different. Alongside members of the CU Mark & Rob delivered a week of assemblies during the last week of term titled 'Virgin' on the Ridiculous' (feel free to groan!).

The assembly, written by Mark & some students, saw 2 people present the main body of the assembly wearing Christmas onesies (see left) as they set out to explore

whether Christmas has become ridiculous or if it has always been like that.

As part of the assembly we played a game of 'guess the Santa' for which Mark had previously photographed some of the senior leadership staff of South Hunsley wearing a Santa hat and beard. This was followed by a volunteer being invited up to try on an array of Christmas items (including the custom made hat you can see on the right) before we suggested that Christmas has always been ridiculous with Mary seeing an angel, travelling for miles on a donkey and then giving birth in a stable before shepherds, sheep & wise men carrying bizarre gifts descended upon them.

We finished up the assembly by showing a video which saw all the picturesque nativity scenes stipped back & looked at the miracle of Jesus, the Son of God being born & we reflected that behind all the ridiculous things we have at Christmas there is something worth celebrating.

We also ran a competition throughout the week on the Christian Union page of the school intranet for students to win the onesies. We had around 130 entries and 2 lucky girls went home for Christmas with a onesie!



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Schools Worker Update

Mark Tiddy | Schools Worker & Youth Facilitator

If someone had told me I'd have spent part of this term talking to 1,500 students wearing a onesie I'd have probably thought they were joking...however as you read on the front of this newsletter it happened!

Once again it's been a busy term with lots of different things going on, it's also been great to have Rob Peirson working alongside me as he starts his 3 years with HCYT & St Barnabas' Church. Rob has already begun building relationships with young people at our different groups & leading some of the various sessions.

On top of our regular groups this term Rob & I have also begun to get involved in the Eco group at South Hunsley. Eco is the part of the student council that looks at issues about the environment. It's been something new to both Rob & I but it's great to be able to help out & I'm excited to see what else we get up to with Eco next year.

I started helping out with a new year 7 R.S. class this term too & am with them for 3 lessons as they learn Geography, History & Religious Studies as a block of lessons. It's been interesting to engage the students in conversations & also see some of those I met during the summer term as part of our primary schools transition work.

This term I have also continued to build on some of the relationships HCYT started with local primary schools through the summer transition work & have regularly been into Elloughton, North Cave & South Cave primary schools to lead assemblies. I also saw children from North Ferriby & Swanland primary schools at the RE:action day (pictured right) in November during which we saw 140 years 2 & 3 pupils join myself, the team from Label of Love & Sheena Brailsford as we led a day of workshops themed around light & dark.

In November we launched a monthly sixth formers bible study. This group aims to build on the inter-church work we have started with 'Release' university preparation & bring sixth formers together once a month for a group aimed at their age range. More at www.hcyt.co.uk/core

Finally you may remember that a few months ago we launched a 'cake drop' initiative where churches would donate cakes & I would leave them in staff rooms as a 'random act of kindness' for the staff at South Hunsley. We successfully ran our second cake drop just before Christmas with one teacher describing the caramel shortbreads as the 'highlight of his week'.

Once again I'm running out of space & so I shall finish by thanking you for your ongoing prayers & support for the work of HCYT.

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CYM Student Update

Rob Peirson | Youth & Schools Work Student

What a first term it has been! I've ran Christian union sessions, played deal or no deal with explore, agreed to help build a green house, and worn a Christmas tree on my head.

It has been an absolute joy and privilege to work for HCYT, being able to see the great work that Mark is getting involved with in South Hunsley already and I have been able to start building relationships with some brilliant young people.

I have been super busy with working at St Barnabas and the youth groups there, getting involved with the work at South Hunsley and also with my studies. During my time at Hunsley I have been involved running the Christian union, helped out with running the explore lunch group and started to get involved with the ECO lunch group. As well as this, I was involved with the hectic week of Christmas assemblies, which was a new but great experience!

So what does the future hold? I'm looking forward to continuing building relationships with the young people and hopefully we should be helping build a green-house made out of fizzy drinks bottles with the ECO group.



SPARK: Stories from the Sofa

After a year of running our 'Created to be Creative' theme at SPARK we sat back in November to review the last year & plan for the next. The creative theme has been fantastic at engaging young people with different ways of connecting with God & we felt we wanted to keep the creative side of SPARK but build it into everything we do.

In February we will launch our new theme 'Stories from the Sofa'. This new theme will see guest speakers invited along to share their stories of God at work in their life, we will then give young people a chance to ask questions & discuss these stories and have a chance for young people to respond to those stories.

The sofa (which we are hoping to have at each SPARK) represents the idea of sitting down for a chat but also embraces the 'Saturday morning TV' style that we felt SPARK has taken. We will continue to have worship, games, tuck & more at SPARK & make the slight tweak of moving to 1st Sundays.

We kick off our theme on the 2nd February with Adam Narton (formerly the youth worker at Beverley Minster) who will share his story of spending 3 months of this year travelling around the UK during which he took no money or food & relied on God for travel, food & shelter. It's an incredible story!

More information on SPARK can be found at www.hcyt.co.uk/spark



Our Termly Prayer Diary

Your guide to praying for our work

We hope this prayer guide will aid you in praying for our work. We also put day-to-day requests on the prayer diary page on our website.

January Prayer Requests

Pray for Mark & Rob as they start back after a Christmas break and begin planning for the term ahead.

Pray for local clergy the week commencing 24th January as they lead a week of assemblies at South Hunsley.

Pray for the SPARK band as they use the month off SPARK to have a practice. Pray that they would be able to use this time to learn some new songs for SPARK.

February Prayer Requests

Pray for SPARK on the 2nd February as Adam Norton kicks off our new theme of 'Stories from the Sofa', sharing his recent journey of travelling around the UK relying on God.

Pray for our 4th annual Escape residential on the 14-16th February near Harrogate. Pray for all the young people coming along & for all those leading the different sessions & activities over the weekend.

March Prayer Requests

Please pray for our regular school groups this month. Be praying for the 'Explore' lunchtime club and for the Christian Union group. Pray that God would guide Mark & Rob as they lead those groups.

Pray for Darren Clarkson from Label of Love as he shares his testimony on the 2nd March at SPARK.

April Prayer Requests

Pray for the Christian Union as they plan and lead a week of Easter assemblies during the week beginning the 7th April.

Pray for Rob as he balances a mix of work with St Barnabas' Church, HCYT & university work as he studies for his degree in youth & schools work.

Pray for a restful Easter break for Mark & Rob.

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