

Churches Together Youth Trust Newsletter Summer 2023



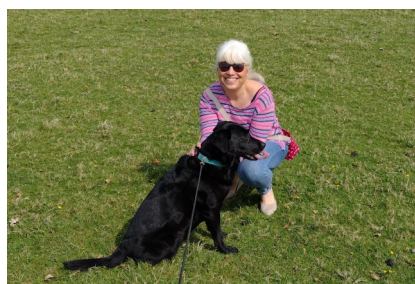
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New Community & Youth Leader Appointed

We are delighted to report that, following a rigorous recruitment and selection process, we have appointed Andrea Mason as our new Community & Youth Leader. Andrea will succeed Helen Hoyle, who stepped down at the end of December. Andrea will begin on 1st September. She is excited about her new job – working in partnership with our churches and schools in this ministry to young people.

Andrea, who is married to Chris, has a wealth of experience in mission amongst children and young people. She has led teams to minister and outreach to people of all ages both in the UK and Brazil.

In our autumn term newsletter we will share more about Andrea and her work. In the meantime, please pray for her as she prepares for her new role. We would like to invite you to a 'Meet our new Community & Youth Leader' event on Saturday

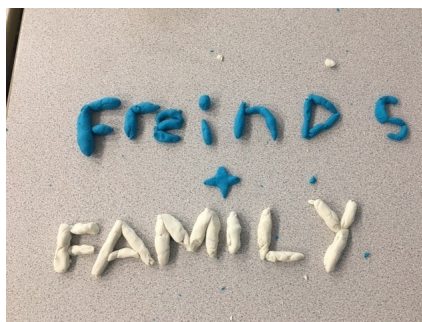


30th September at 10a.m. in the Methodist Church hall in Grange. Over coffee we will introduce Andrea and talk with you about future plans.

Prayer Space 2023

Chris led this year's Prayer Space at Cartmel Priory School in July. Volunteers from a variety of local churches helped explain the meaning of prayer to the whole school over the course of a week.

The first part of each session looked at 'What is prayer?' and 'Do you pray?'. The young people then had 25 minutes experiencing prayer by visiting seven prayer stations, each focussing on a different topic. Some examples of prayer stations included 'Praying for the world' where young people



were encouraged to place a dot on an area of the world they would like to pray for, a station dedicated to 'praying for the Cartmel Peninsula', another was a forgiveness table,

where young people were encouraged to throw a stone into a bucket as a symbol to release any hurt or issues that they had. There was also a table dedicated to thankfulness where young people could think of something they are thankful for and then make a sculpture of it. Above is an example with the words 'Freinds + Family' and happens to be an example of how God accepts our praise even with a spelling mistake.



At the end of the session there was an opportunity for one of the prayer space team to share a story as to how prayer has worked in their lives.

Schools Work Gathering

Over 20 people attended a gathering for those who support their local schools across the Cartmel Peninsula. The event, organised by local ministers, took place in the Church Room at St John's Flookburgh and there was a very encouraging turnout. Chris & Rev Jane Maycock led the meeting and we heard views and stories from a variety of people whose roles include governorship and those who take assemblies and lessons. It was also good to pray together. The plan is to hold another meeting in the autumn term.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5 v 16

Year 6 Transition



On 28th June, Chris led the Year 6 Transition event at St Mary's Church. 67 year 6's attended from the 6 primary schools across the Cartmel Peninsula.

As part of the morning, young people were encouraged to discuss their thoughts and feelings with regards moving to secondary school.

The highlight was probably the paper aeroplane prayers. Young people were encouraged to write something they were thankful for and a prayer request on to a paper aeroplane and then throw it towards the altar at the front of church.

Each child got a Scripture Union 'Its Your Move' book as a gift from the churches.

A huge thanks to the volunteers and to NISCU who supported the event. The schools really appreciated the effort that was put in by all.

Other News

Chris has been leading a Drop In at St Mary's Church, Windermere. This has resulted in fresh contact with around 50 young people. The Drop In will continue to run every Friday after school from September onwards. Please pray for the volunteers and local clergy who have worked hard to make this happen.

We have decided to end 'Friday Night Youth' which has been running at St Mary's Church, Allithwaite in its current form. Numbers have been very low for a number of months and it is hard to keep a functional group going. The plan is to start something new when Andrea starts in September.

Chris continues to take year 7 assemblies at Cartmel Priory School which means he was able to meet the current year 6's who visited the school at the end of June as part of their transition day. This linked in nicely with our own Year 6 transition at Allithwaite Church. We look forward to see how these relationships grow over the new school year.



News from the Trustees

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Chrissie Greaves who has stepped down as a Trustee. We will miss her prayerful contributions to our team as well as her 'hands on' work with young people. We are pleased, however, to welcome Rob Martin as a new Trustee. The Trustees play a key role in finance, planning and strategy, support and prayer for youth ministry in the peninsula area. We would like to further strengthen the team so please let us know if you are interested. We are also looking for someone to take over from Sarah Robinson as secretary/administrator. Sarah would be glad to chat to anyone who may be interested in finding out more.

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