

Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together - **Youth Trust**

'Connecting a Generation'

Report for the Churches Together AGM: 14 May 2024

A key moment in 2023 was the recruitment and appointment of a new Community & Youth Leader. Andrea Mason began in September. Sometimes alongside her husband Chris (Diocesan Network Youth Church Leader), she has worked hard to build up youth ministry across the peninsula.

Andrea and/or Chris lead collective worship each week with Year 7 students at Cartmel Priory School where they also run an increasingly popular lunchtime 'drop-in' club. In primary schools, as well as leading collective worship and supporting other activities, Andrea has run JAM (Jesus and Me) clubs. Outside school, in the evenings, two 'Soul Fuel' clubs have been formed catering for older and younger students. Increasing numbers of young people are engaging with these activities. They are supported by volunteers from a variety of churches.

The Trust works with and on behalf of all the churches on the peninsula. It was fitting, therefore, that in October we held a joint service of celebration at St.Paul's Church when we also commissioned Andrea to her new post. This was appreciated and well attended thus we are considering a proposal that there should be an annual Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Youth Ministry. The next would be 29 September. Feedback on this idea would be appreciated.

We also try to keep all our congregations up-to-date about what the Trust is doing on their behalf. We publish newsletters several times a year. Feedback would also be appreciated about how effective the distribution of these is.

We look forward to the year ahead, to consolidating the range of activities and to reaching increasing numbers of young people.

Mervyn Hull, Chair of Trustees.