

Churches Together Youth Trust

Newsletter

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Dreaming The Impossible



In August, Soul Fuel members joined a Cumbria wide Network Youth Church trip to Dreaming The Impossible, a camp organised by Vineyard Church that seeks to inspire young people to follow Jesus. The young people had an "absolute blast" with camping, lots of food, worship, bible teaching, foam parties, colour runs and plenty of time to make new friends. The trip would never have happened without the dedication of committed volunteer cooks, youth leaders and practical people who helped to set up camp.

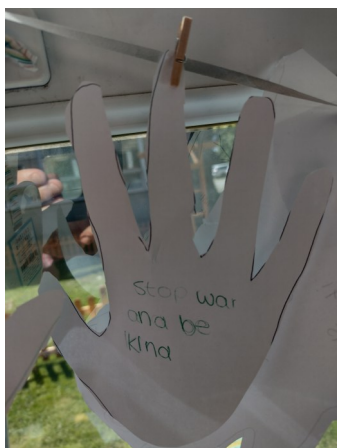
It is fair to say the young people from Soul Fuel had never experienced anything like DTI and one young person called their time at the event 'indescribable'. A number of young people, including some from Soul Fuel, decided they wanted to take their relationship

with Jesus more seriously and took the opportunity to go to the front to be prayed for.

We are excited to see how things develop in Grange-over-Sands in the next year and really appreciate your prayers and support as the group grows both spiritually and numerically.



Prayer Space



The week beginning 7th July, Chris led the annual Prayer Space at Cartmel Priory School. A massive thanks goes to the team of volunteers from a wide spread of churches from across the Peninsula and beyond. Almost 300 young people passed through the space where they were encouraged to think about themes based on the Beatitudes. Stations included the scales of justice, where they were encouraged to think about injustice in the world and how we can balance the scales, a Resilience graffiti wall where young people were encouraged to think about how God gives us resilience and hope, and that there are also other people and things that encourage us as we live our lives. There was a table of joy, with an opportunity to draw, paint or sketch a picture of something participants where thankful for. It was recognised that often joy can be messy which is

symbolised by the messy table above. Young people were reminded that God has the whole world in his hands and were invited to draw around their hand, cut it out and to use it to pray for an issue. One of the more reflective stations was forgiveness, where young people wrote the word sorry on a piece of paper using a soluble pen and could watch the word fade away when dipped in water, symbolic of Jesus' forgiveness for us.



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Thank You Volunteers



A massive thanks to the volunteers that give up their time to enable youth ministry to happen. Pictured we have Liz, Ruth & Maggie judging cakes at the recent Soul Fuel Bake Off. Young people had the opportunity to bake a cake and enter it

into the competition. We are delighted to announce that Soul Fuel will be taking place weekly from September and want to say a huge thanks to you all for helping this happen.

Soul Fuel & Thursdays Chill Out Club continue to grow. It was great to take a small group to Penrith again, where we took them to MacDonald's for an impromptu treat. Whilst not exactly healthy eating, it is easy to forget how isolated rural young people can be and small treats like this are remembered for years to come.



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A Day at Lambeth

Andrea was recognised for her work with children and families over the last year and was nominated to represent the Diocese of Carlisle for an event at Lambeth Palace. Whilst this is in recognition for Andrea's other half of her role, we would like to use this opportunity to thank her for her relentless effort in her joint role. Andrea enjoyed the day immensely and felt very blessed to be encouraged in this way.



Year 6 Moving On

Please pray for young people who are moving up to year 7. Chris & Andrea had the opportunity to take Moving On lessons in all 6 of the primary schools across the peninsula. This gave young people an opportunity to talk about their hopes, fears and to discuss issues surrounding moving school. They were all given a Scripture Union 'It's Your Move' book as a gift, which is packed full of advice, guidance and stories of how others have coped with moving up to year 7.

This year Cartmel Priory School will have over 80 year 7s joining the school. Please pray for Chris & Andrea as they build relationships with them by taking year 7 assemblies and running the Chill Out lunch club.



Please Pray & Give Thanks

- Give thanks for 'Dreaming The Impossible' summer camp. Please pray for those young people who made commitments at the event that they will grow and be encouraged.
- Pray for Soul Fuel that meets at the URC Church hall on Mondays during term times between 5.30—7pm. Thanks for the growth in membership. Praise God that we can now meet weekly!
- Pray for Cartmel Priory School as it begins a new school year, particularly praying for the year 7s and for Chris & Andrea as they build links with them.
- Pray for Andrea as she needs wisdom, discernment and stamina to continue sharing the Good News in primary schools.
- Pray for Chris & Andrea when they go to the Youth Scape conference on the 14th—16th November at the Resorts World, Birmingham. Pray that they will be refreshed and inspired.