

Churches Together Youth Trust

Newsletter

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Community

The vision behind Network Youth Church and Churches Together Trust is to create spaces where young people can make friends, find encouragement and have an opportunity to have a relationship with Jesus. Community is an essential part of what we do and currently there are two main ways we do this in the Cartmel Peninsula. Soul Fuel continues to evolve on a Monday evening, with many thanks to our ever present volunteers.



The second half of 2025 saw some changes with some of the older girls moving on and a new cohort of boys starting. This has completely changed the dynamics of the group and, whilst it was sad to see some of the girls move on, it has been great to see another group grow together in community.

To celebrate Christmas we held a Secret Santa, where volunteers and young people had the opportunity to pick a name out of a hat and buy or make a token present. A small group attended the Pantomime at the Victoria Hall to support

some of the other Soul Fuel members who were involved in the production of 'Snow Queen'.

Some of the group are now looking forward to attending 'Dreaming The Impossible' in July.

Meanwhile in Cartmel Priory School, we continue to run 'Chill Out Club'. This is a space for young people to come and chat, eat lunch and play games on a Thursday lunch time. The majority of young people who attend do not connect with us outside of school and therefore it has become an important space for young people to share the positives and negatives of life and is perhaps the only opportunity for them to do this during the week.

Primary Schools

Andrea has spent a lot of time in primary schools across the peninsula. She takes collective worship in all the schools, looking at topics such as trust, compassion and faith.

She has developed 'Jesus and Me' clubs at Allithwaite and Lindale schools. Each club links the school values with a bible story and a craft, for example when, at Allithwaite, they looked at the



topic of friendship, the group read the story of David and Jonathon and made friendship bracelets.

In Cartmel primary, Andrea led a 'Crafternoon' sessions for years 5 & 6 students and parents. She also volunteers three times a year to help with Fun & Friendship afterschool session at Grange-over-Sands School.

One way Andrea connects with young people from primary schools out of school is via Toast Church.



difference.

The Difference Course has the aim of fostering reconciliation and community in what is a very divided world. Do pray for Chris as he takes The Difference Course into Cartmel Priory School working with a small group of years 8 & 9. The sessions last an hour and include interactive film clips, discussions and personal reflection. This is very much a pilot and the hope is that the 6 week schools version can be replicated in other groups and schools.



To be held at
**St MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD,
ALLITHWAITE, GRANGE OVER SANDS, LA11 7QR**

Tickets £8.00

Includes Refreshments
(under 16's FREE)

available at Local Churches
or available on the door

Saturday

14th MARCH 2026

at 7pm

(doors open 6.15pm)

In aid of: **Churches together Youth Trust**

BE ME PROJECT

identity ~ truth ~ purpose

The Be Me Project exists to give young people a better start in life. It is based on a theory of change; the outputs from our courses are improved self esteem and confidence, and greater positivity.

The Be Me team is a faith driven community that strives to bring love to every person that they work with, giving them time and space to talk, and to help people be genuinely valued.

Andrea has joined Hannah McLellan (Be Me Cumbria Hub Leader) assisting her in leading the courses at Cartmel Priory School. They take three lessons on Wednesdays with a group of 6 to 7 students (13 and 14 years olds), with the aim of inspiring people to believe they have identity, truth and purpose, respecting and accepting the unique worth and value of each individual.



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Please Pray & Give Thanks

- Give thanks for 'Soul Fuel' that meets Mondays at the URC church, as it continues to provide a place for young people to build community and discover who Jesus is.
- Give thanks for 'Chill Out Club' at Cartmel Priory School, for the opportunity it gives young people to make friends and share life's ups and downs.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to go in to primary schools on a regular basis.
- Pray for the young people who are considering going to Dreaming The Impossible this year in July.
- Pray for the young people who attend the 'Be Me Project', that they will grow in confidence in their God given life.