

Notes of Children Young People Vision Group

12th January 2019

Present: Pippa Ford, Julie Lodge, Emily Moulden, Karen Taylor, Vanessa Virgo, Jeanette Whiteman, Rosemary Woodcock, Simon Moulden, Jo Dwyer **Apologies:** Andy and Linda Wells, Maddie Payne

Audit of CYP work

Pippa showed the Group three Audit papers regarding our CYP work – each one focussed around one the Core Values of the church - which were put together after the vision evening, subject to PCC approval.

A Welcoming everyone, **B** Growing Disciples, **C** Deepening Community

The papers were discussed and some amendments were made following discussions. Once approved by PCC as part of our CYP goals for the coming year, the papers will be sent to all church members. How it will be sent to the wider community needs to be considered, maybe through the Parish Magazine, with a clear way to feedback to the church.

Review of Current CYP Work

Children's Church

There is no steady core of children attending as it changes week on week and so this makes it difficult to have continuity and structure, making discipleship extremely hard. There is a very small team involved. Pippa to review things with Andy and Linda.

Altogether Worship

It was questioned how much the service is accessible to the younger children – particularly for visiting families, for example with the last baptism and the interactive prayers.

Messy Church

Messy Church is being underpinned by prayer and this is bearing fruit. Having events at Onslow and QE is very encouraging as we are reaching out to the community and events such as Messy Church and the Fireworks are being shared by Onslow parents on What's App groups and are well received. Rosemary commented that she feels nervous going into the other spaces at school and reflected that this must be how visitors to Messy Church must feel when coming to All Saints'!

School Ministry

Beverly and Pippa are still hosting assemblies and some lessons at QE, and one for Onslow here at church. Contact has also been made with Steve Smith at County School and a meeting set up with him, which Father Andrew at St Nicholas has been asked about as the school is in his parish.

Youth Led Service

This is being very well received and the Christmas service with the 18+ group was a great success.

Toddlers

A three-week parenting course was run by the Toddler group (during the usual Toddler session) and this was well received by the two mums who attended. The group is thriving, with around 20 to 30 adults attending with their children. People enjoy coming and it can be a highlight of the week for some. It reinforces people's connections and friendships. It was discussed that a register should be kept of who is attending the toddler group – just names in case of emergency.

Just Looking

This is a course that Vanessa and Pippa will be hosting on a Wednesday morning to look at the Christian faith (probably using Luke's Gospel.) This will be offered to Toddler parents' and any other faith-explorers who are free in the daytime. It was suggested it might then be good to do an evening course along similar lines or even an Alpha depending on the success of this course.

Transforming Church (TC) Goals

Potential goals were discussed by CYP in September for discussion by the PCC. These were put on hold by the PCC as the Vision for the church needed to be discussed first. This Vision has the working title of “Joyfully Living Jesus”. This vision is underpinned by the Core Values of Welcoming Everyone, Growing Disciples and Deepening Community.

OUR CYP TC GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR - 2019

A commitment that all the work with Children and Young People in this parish will be supported by prayer with an expectation for God to expand and develop this ministry.

WHAT	HOW	WHEN
<p>To develop our Youth ministry Core values A – welcoming everyone Core values C – Deepening community</p> <p>Core values B – Growing Disciples</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pippa and Beverly to explore reopening Youth Club – possibly in partnership with Matrix or with Karen Taylor • To develop the discipleship of Youth at Quest (AM) and Quest (PM) at YLS – Pippa to explore some material for team to use 	<p>Summer/Autumn 2019</p> <p>Spring 2019</p>
<p>To connect with parents, as well as, children and young people who are not involved in church</p> <p>Covers all three core values - A, B, and C</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To conduct an Audit of our CYP work • Parenting course at Toddlers - held yearly • Faith seekers course Toddlers - held yearly • Messy Church, Onslow and QE and All Saints Hall • Messy Church Day/Morning • Light Party – held yearly • Parenting teenagers evening course 	<p>Spring 2019</p> <p>September 2019</p> <p>Spring 2019</p> <p>Three MC per term</p> <p>At end of summer holidays Halloween 2019 Summer/Autumn 2019</p>

We also considered other way to increase links with families in the community for the future when resources allow:

Primary age drop in session – to address the gap we have in that age group.

Midweek youth drop in – cannot facilitate this without a youth worker, which is not feasible this year.

Who led the Dad’s out? – toddler group initiative for dads.