

## Children & Youth Report for AGM 2021

Since the last AGM meeting, we have settled into a bit more of a pattern for children's and youth work.

We have been having monthly Sunday schools on zoom for the 7-10 year olds. These have been organised by Kerry, Carolyn and Michelle. A bag is delivered to each child before consisting of everything they will need for the session – props for games, craft materials, sweets etc. Each session focusses on a memory verse, with games, craft, bible story and prayer. Always great fun and the children join in confidently.

With the young people God has directed me to focus on fun and relationship building during this time. Youth sessions continue on a Sunday evening, but with a new structure as we mix up the age groups and face to face with online sessions. This is because we have had several new older young people join, our regular youngsters are getting older and younger siblings are now old enough to join in. We therefore realised it was important to do something with just the 13+. We have therefore started the Fire Pit. We meet literally around a fire pit, chat, roast marshmallows (or sausages), play games and have a time focussing on our relationship with God. We are still learning and developing this idea but God has given us 12 young people and four leaders (Liza, Carolyn, Michelle and John) so exciting times ahead.

To give you an overview here is our monthly Sunday night plan:

Week 1 – Youth group at church for 10+

Week 2 – Zoom youth for 10+

Week 3 – Fire Pit at church for 13+

Week 4 – Zoom youth for 13+

We will aim to follow this plan at least until the summer holidays and then will expectantly await to hear Gods new plan for September.

We have a few of other events in the pipeline.

1. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June – Festival style evenings with takeaway/BBQ, a murder mystery evening and a Gladiator Duel evening. Each evening we will listen to a talk from Spring Harvest and have small group time. This is to help build relationships as this is much easier with a longer time together. Pizza donations welcomed (Pleeeeeaaaasse)!!

2. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August - Dreaming the impossible Festival. This is taking place at Trent Vineyard Church with accommodation at Nottingham University. We currently have 7 young people booked on to this.
3. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Church Fest in the Park. This is a free community outreach event in the Pirate Park. Michelle has been bouncing ideas for this with Rev Rosie Webb, and it is supported by Churches Together in Windsor. The idea is that there will be a central stage with different things every hour...worship, aerobics, toddler session, Pym's and Hymns etc. All around the park will be tents hosted by different churches with crafts, creative prayer, games, BBQ, Coffee, Hopefully some inflatables and possibly a climbing wall if our funding stretches. Please save the date and be praying about this exciting mission.

Thanks to all who support the children's and youth work at All Saints, by leading, planning, joining in, praying and encouraging your children to come along.