

YOUTH WORKER REPORT APCM – 30 APRIL 2023

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR REGULAR EVENTS

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH:

2nd and 4th Sundays during Communion services.

- New families welcomed and a part of our regular sessions.
- **Highlight** - Sought to provide a range of activities that reflect the teaching from the main service; this has included making recycled paper and turning it into art, and planting a 'Parable of the Sower' garden. .

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH:

Sunday evenings during term time.

- This is the powerhouse of our regular youth events.
- **Highlight** – our 6th form and college students have planned and delivered sessions around practical prayer techniques.

MUGA MONDAYS:

Monday evenings for an hour at the village sports court. An opportunity for young people to meet, play sports together, get some exercise and link with our Youth Work Team.

- **Highlight** – we have maintained many regular attendees, and welcomed new ones.

After 10 years of serving the young people through Youth ministry, Martin and Chrystal are stepping back from their role at Sunday Night Youth. Their dedication, their heart for young people and their hunger for scripture have inspired our youth, the rest of the team and the church as a whole.

They are not enough words of thanks for the steadfast encouragement, wisdom and friendship they have displayed.

Pray for them as they continue to step out into other ministries and for us as we move forwards.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

LINKS WITH OTHER CHURCHES:

- We join with Christ Church, Abingdon, for their termly all-youth events and are now active partners in this event, rather than visitors.
- For the second year in a row, we have joined Christ Church and other Churches for a weekend away in February. This is an event loved by our young people and a great opportunity to connect with young people outside of our church family.

FRIDAY CLUB:

- Youth Worker now regularly attends Friday Club and is able to build relationships with the primary school students approaching secondary transition.

GATEHOUSE:

- Following on from our recent series on the letter of James (which was also the theme for the Youth Weekend), our young people expressed a desire to help to those in need directly. As such, we collected items for the Oxford Gatehouse Homelessness project

YOUTH BAND:

- We have formed a Youth Worship band which has played at Youth Evenings and a recent Prayer and Praise Service.

BAPTISM:

- Last Summer we held a full-immersion baptism service for some of our young people. It was a special celebration and a great expression of the faith of our young people.