

Youth Work... The Mail Out 23rd Jul 2010

As I write this, I'm still reliving a fantastic week spent at Taize in France on the Bishop's Youth Pilgrimage. We went out as two separate groups of very diverse people... but returned as one, with many of these young people having been changed forever by their experiences at Taize.

We all need the mountain top experiences that these camps offer – an opportunity to be amongst thousands of other Christians... singing our hearts out for Jesus! However, I've also come to believe that faith needs to be applied to everyday life, and so in truth we are probably more likely to grow through the tough times, moments when we are stretched - than we are at these camps – however good they may be.

So let's all help our young people to experience something of the awesomeness of God this summer but let's also remind them throughout it all that it's life in the valley (back home) that really counts.

The following may be of some interest...

Best Wishes Several Youth Workers will be leaving the diocese during the summer months, they include Dre and Josh from Holy Trinity Coventry, Claire Farley from St Marks Leamington Spa, James Gould (St Matthews Rugby) Rosie Adcock (Studley) and Steve Locke Weeton (Forest of Arden YFC). Thanks to you all for all your fantastic work – our prayers go with you.

The Coventry Safeguarding Partnership is holding the following free training event... Safeguarding young people using the internet, Child Exploitation & Online Protection (CEOP)

Training for Professionals who will deliver Safeguarding Sessions to young people. This will be held on the following dates: (You only need to attend one session)

Wednesday 29th September 2010

Tuesday 16th November 2010

Wednesday 26th January 2011

Tuesday 1st March 2011

The training will run from 9:00am - 12:30pm at Elm Bank, Mile Lane Coventry, CV1 2LQ (Refreshments Provided)

This course is aimed at professionals who work directly with 11 to 18 year old young people. Anyone who attends will have a responsibility to pass on what they learn to young people and to supply information on the number of young people they have passed it to. Please do not apply for a place if you are not willing to do this. If you wish to apply for this free training or for further information please contact: Mohammed Ali, Inter-Agency Training Advisor on: 024 7683 3443

Children's Worker Required St. Matthew's & St. Oswald's Churches in Rugby known as M2o are seeking to employ a part-time Children's Worker to work with the church kids and in the local schools. The post is

being offered for 12 months with a salary of £10,000.

The specific areas of work are as follows:

Overslade:

- Kids' club – weekly (5.30-7.30pm Thursdays, except 1st Thursday)
- 'Messy Church' – Family-oriented midweek church (5.30-7.30pm, 1st Thursday monthly)

St. Matthew's:

- Family Service Team (second in command) – planning and delivery (1st Sunday monthly)
- Children's ministry (0-11) 'NET' – responsible for overall operation of children's work (mainly focussed on Sunday mornings at 10.30am service)

Schools

- Organise and take part in rota of assemblies at St. Matthew's Bloxam School and St. Oswald's School (Wednesday mornings, term-time)
- Occasional assemblies at Oakfield school.

For more information please contact: Revd Tim Norman, St. Matthew's & St. Oswald's Church Centre, 17 Lawford Road, Rugby, CV21 2EB

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Great website There are some excellent tools out there that can help sharpen us in our Youth Ministry and equip us to support others who are working with children and young people. I wish to highlight one in particular – www.youthministry.com

On this site there are loads of free resources and articles about Youth Ministry. Everything from teaching curriculum to training material you can use with those involved in Youth Ministry in your church. If you sign up on the following link (which is also free), not only do you get a free e-book, you also get sent a quality "daily" – Monday to Friday, encouraging email with some top tips on a variety of themes – to keep you sharp and help you do the same for others. <http://www.youthministry.com/user/register>

Part-Time Youth Worker Required Warwickshire County Council Youth & Community Service has vacancies from September at youth centres across the Stratford Area.

Part time Assistant Youth Workers work 2.75 hours per evening from 6.45 to 9.30 pm (40 weeks a year) and pay ranges from £9.17-£10.18

per hour. The evenings vary from club to club so if you are interested please ring the number below for details of current vacancies.

If you have experience of working with young people and have or are working towards your NVQ2 in youth work, there is also a vacancy for a

Worker in Charge at Kineton Youth Centre – Monday and/or Tuesday evenings 3.75 hrs per evening from 6.45 to 9.30 pm plus one hour non

contact time, pay ranges from £9.17 - £11.66 per hour. For further information or to chat to someone about any of the above please contact the Youth & Community Service on 01926 413603

What does the Diocesan Youth Officer do? Over the next week I shall be meeting with the Youth Team at All Saints Emscote. On Sunday I'll also be with the teenagers from Bardsley House in Coventry, On Monday and Tuesday I'll be working in Wellesbourne engaged in detached Youth Work and finally my travels will also take me too Morton Morrell and Shipston.

Have a great summer

Greg