

A Season of Change



Many of us will reflect on this summer as a season of change which has, I hope, brought much joy. For myself, Gaynor and our family that is certainly true and we are so grateful for the warmth of the welcome we have been given at St Andrew's. I'm sure like me you will also enjoy reading in this edition of Grow News all the good news stories from camps and the Holiday Bible Club. Over the years these activities have been a profound means of change and a source of great joy in my life, as I'm sure in many others. So as I begin my ministry here at St Andrew's I am struck by the apostle Paul's description of his own ministry in Philippi. His goal was to work for their 'progress and joy in the faith' (Philippians 1:25). I trust that this coming year will see each of us know that same happy combination of Spirit empowered change and ever deepening faith-filled joy in the wonderful news of the Lord Jesus. **David Whitehouse**

Holiday Bible Club 2019

I wonder what you think of when you hear the words Holiday Bible Club. For some, the thought of 70+ children in a confined space for 4 mornings would terrify them. For others it's just another day in the office. For me I think about the amazing opportunity we have in our church to share the message of Jesus' rescue with children from across Leyland. Prior to the week, a dedicated team of people worked tirelessly to plan and prepare the bible studies, stories, games and crafts that all work together to help teach and show the children our real need for Jesus. This year we portrayed this through the theme PIRATES. Led by Shipmate Kate and the crazy antics of Captain Clueless the children soon found out that Captain Clueless was not the greatest at sourcing real treasure! In fact, he was quite possibly the worst! But never fear, when you have pirates you also have pirate trainees who were much better at finding the clues to the greatest treasure...Jesus!



Holiday club itself would not run day to day without manpower. As a big church it is always a blessing to see the variety of people that get stuck in for this children's ministry to work. This is only possible because the entire team are not working for personal gain but for the Glory of the kingdom and if that means we step out of our comfort zone to make it happen then that is what we have to do! Throughout the week there was singing, games and plenty of time for the children to get stuck into God's word and be challenged by what they had heard and discovered. While Holiday Club may have finished for this year, the work continues for our children's ministry at

St Andrews and is something that we should continue to support, prayerfully and with our time. If you'd love to get involved in our Children or Youth Ministry then get in touch with Katy Turner or Matt Cook. **Martin Simpson**

Why Go On Camp?

The Buzz

The Buzz was a great experience. They got the mixture of fun, games and activities, with Bible teaching just right. We learnt about the book of Judges and it was interesting to see how many leaders we can go through but none of them are as good as Jesus.

There is a vast array of activities ranging from swimming, to football, to a wide game, and 'It's a Washout'. If you're not a sporty person and prefer creative things there's a different craft every single day.

It's a great way to have fun, meet friends, and learn about Jesus at the same time. ***Reuben Whitehouse***

Quinta

In Quinta I really enjoyed the freedom they gave us in choosing seminars because it meant that we could hear about what was relevant for us. For example, if you were new to being a Christian, they had talks about what to do and explaining the Bible. If you were confident in your relationship with Christ there was a talk about telling your friends about Jesus, which was very helpful. I also enjoyed the entertainment that they held every night because it gave me a chance to meet new people and make lots of friends. ***Matilda Stansfield***

It was my first time at Quinta and I enjoyed it so much! I made so many new Christian friends. We went paddle boarding, took part in the Great British Bake Off, did arts and crafts, had a water fight and did paint wars which is where we threw powder paint at each other. Whilst having so much fun we learnt so much about God. We learnt that when we get the invitation to the greatest party ever we shouldn't just hit accept or interested, we should press the share button to let others know too. I went to a seminar on social media and it taught me that I can enjoy social media whilst still being a Christian by putting Jesus first above all the Youtubers. The only thing that could be better at camp would be for more people to enjoy such an amazing experience that me and my friends enjoyed. I would love it if more kids from this church would come next year and enjoy learning about God whilst having fun and making new lifelong Christian friends. ***Ruby Hunter***

I went to Quinta a few weeks ago. It was really fun. Every morning we had breakfast, then went for bible study as our dorms and then had tuck shop. After that, we did an activity. The first morning, we did low ropes, that was a course we did on ropes tied to the trees. We all had to work as a team to get through it. In the afternoons, it was more or less the same as the mornings. However, on two of the afternoons, we had the wide game and dorm outing. On the dorm outing, we played dodgeball against another dorm and we decorated biscuits. In the wide game, we had three challenges. The first one was to crack a code by getting letters from the middle of the field and we had to grab them without the guards grabbing the string we used as tails. The next challenge was when we had to get as many jewels as we could. They were in buckets around the field and we could take them from other teams. The jewels at the end could buy us water for the last challenge. That was a big water fight and the team who stayed the driest won.

After the dorm outing and wide game, we had sermons. The two sermons I went to were 'How to tell your friend about Jesus' and 'Heaven and Hell'. They were very helpful and made me think about how I would live differently when I got back. On one of the morning activities, we went stand up paddle boarding. The lake was shallow and very muddy. We all either fell off or jumped off. We played the whistle game, which is where if we heard 5 blows on the whistle, the person on the back had to leap frog to the front and jump off. 4 whistles meant we had to do five star jumps. 3 was when we had to get one person on each board to swap places, 2 was spinning around and 1 was to jump. It was really fun, and I enjoyed it a lot. I can't wait to go again next year.

Bex Sutherland

Why Go On Camp?

The Vibe

From the 27th to the 3rd of August 2019, I and a few others from St Andrew's Youth went away on a camp called The Vibe. The overall theme was "Survival Down Under" and everything including games and the Bible Study was based around this. At the beginning of each day we would have a Bible Study within our dorms and then the rest of



the day would be filled with activities and games- for example on the Sunday, we went into Shrewsbury and had to "hunt the leader". For this, various leaders were dressed up in Australian outfits and we had to find them, whilst completing bizarre tasks! We also went on a whole camp walk which was great fun, and on the Wednesday we went to a water park which was absolutely amazing!!! Here we did raft building, paddle boarding and an obstacle course-type challenge on the water which was incredibly entertaining! On three of the days we had seminars which were really interesting and helpful. The first one that I went to was about climate change and how there is no 'planet B'. This was lead by Alex Wood and another leader, who explained that we are God's stewards and therefore have a responsibility to look after and take care of the planet. The second seminar that I went to was about worry and anxiety, and the main message of this was that God is always with us and will help us through our anxiety. Finally the third seminar was about feminism and how it, and the concept of it, has changed over time. This was extremely helpful, as we learnt that men and women are different by design, but we should use those differences to help each other as we are all created in the image of God. Then, every evening, we had a meeting altogether where we studied the book of Luke, and theme was "being certain". Each meeting would be based on being certain about something different; the first night it was being certain about Jesus' mission; the second night it was being certain about Jesus' return; the third was being certain that Jesus brings salvation; the fourth was being certain that Jesus gives forgiveness; the fifth was being certain about Jesus' resurrection; and the final night was being certain about Jesus' commission. These talks were all lead by different leaders who thoroughly explained each passage and helped us to really understand who Jesus is. Overall, the week was packed full with activities and games, and I had a brilliant time getting to know new people and learning more about Jesus and his identity- and the food was amazing!! I would definitely go back again and I'm planning on seeing my new friends again at the Sound event in November.

Maisy Turner

The Vibe is a camp for 14-18s that I have been going to for the last three years and I have had unforgettable experiences. When I first heard about the Vibe, I was a bit apprehensive about attending because I didn't know anybody. However, I plucked up the courage and I'm so glad I did. At camp, I have made amazing friends because we are all thrown into weird and fun activities together. I have tried activities I never thought I'd try, from axe throwing to Total Wipeout-esque waterparks, as well as enjoying spending time playing board games with leaders and campers. The whole activity-based week is capped-off by a party relating to the theme of the camp for that year; we had a silent disco this year whilst we were all dressed-up as survivalists. The spiritual growth the Vibe provides is incredible. The teachings are relevant to living as a young Christian and the struggles you may face, presented in an easy and understandable fashion. Also, there are topical seminars, with this years focusing on how Christians should respond to climate and change and Christian beliefs on feminism. Through the Vibe, my walk with Christ has been strengthened as the constant encouragement from leaders and campers during and after the Vibe as well as the meaningful teaching prompted my baptism last year. I would strongly recommend that if you have the opportunity to go, go, because you would be missing out on a great experience.

Phoebe Stansfield

Camps - Where Can I Find More Information?

The camps we have mentioned are all part of SOUND holidays, run by the North West Partnership. Their website: <http://www.soundholidays.org.uk> has a lot more information.

You may even spot some familiar faces as you look at all they offer!

The provisional dates and approximate costs are:

The Buzz (for age group 8-11 years) 26th-29th May 2020 £114

Quinta (for age group 11-14 years) 25th July - 1st August 2020 £210

The Vibe (for age group 14-18 years) 25th July - 1st August 2020 £265

Note - bookings open for all camps on 1st December 2019 and places can go very quickly!

Any questions about camps for kids please chat to Matt Cook or Katy Turner.

For whole families Keswick is a wonderful option, with meetings for all the family.

<https://keswickministries.org/keswick-convention-2020/>

Katy Turner: Children's Ministry Coordinator

At a recent PCC (Parochial Church Council) meeting, we discussed Katy Turner's role as she came to the end of her original contract. Katy was employed to minister to the children of both St Andrew's and Leyland and to work with volunteers, equipping and encouraging them in their roles. We have been delighted with her work and the way the ministry has developed and grown. We are so grateful to the army of children's workers who are faithful in their teaching and love for the children at St Andrew's.

We have decided to expand her role to see her coordinate all the children's work, still being involved in the groups, but increasingly having time to train and encourage others to lead and grow in their own ministries with children. She will also be involved with helping families to love and teach their children about Jesus.

This new aspect of her work and ministry is therefore reflected in the new job title we have given her: Children's Ministry Coordinator.

Any questions about this please get in touch! *PCC*

Dates For Your Diary

13th
SEPT

2.30pm | Church Hall
Friday Growth Group

Never been to a growth group, or can't make it along in an evening, then this group is for you. Anybody welcome to attend.

26th
SEPT

7pm | La Corte Restaurant
Ladies 'Not A Curry' Night

Evangelistic event for lades - bring a friend, Becky Ellison will be speaking, meal will cost £10 per person.

15th
SEPT

2-4pm | Church Hall
An Afternoon with Bishop Jill
Calling all ladies - come along for drinks, nibbles and Q&A with Bishop Jill.

25th
OCT

7.30pm | Leyland Cross
Men's Fish & Chips Supper

Evangelistic Event for men- bring a friend. Pete Tomkinson will be speaking. Pay for your own meal(s) on the night.

Any Questions??

Do you have any feedback about Grow News or perhaps a question you would like to see answered? If so, then please email comms@standrewsleyland.org.uk or pass a note to the church office and we will do our best to cover it in an upcoming issue - thank you!