

Churches Together Youth Trust Newsletter Winter 2024



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YOUTH CHURCH



The Big One

'The big One' took place at the Pencil Factory in Keswick at the end of September. 250 young people from across Cumbria, including a group from Grange-over-Sands who went along with Andrea, came to enjoy inflatables, games, craft and a Christian rapper who gave his testimony. The night finished with a silent disco. The event was organised by Network Youth Church and there are plans for another one in 2025.



Soul Fuel has become a regular fixture in the lives of the young people who attend. One of the highlights of the evening is sitting around a table chatting to one another over pizza, salad and dessert. It sounds simple, but it works and it has helped us build relationships and a safe place for them to be themselves. We use the Bear Grylls devotional as a basis for discussion.

It was sad to say goodbye to Isabel Davey who has been a huge help preparing the food each week for Soul Fuel. Isabel has moved to Australia to be closer to her grandchildren. For her last meeting with us, we had a bring and share which included the cakes above which were made by one of the young people. Many thanks to Paul Rand, Ruth Webster and Jenny Leahy for their continued support.

Chill Out Lunch Club & Year 7s

Andrea, Chris and Maggie are in Cartmel Priory School every Thursday lunch time running Chill Out Club. This is a space for students to come and sit and eat their lunch, play games and chat. We also provide healthy snacks, such as grapes and dried fruit.

Chris & Andrea continue to take year 7 assemblies and it remains a great way of connecting with those who are in their first year of secondary school.

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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. Hebrews 10 v 25

Priory Day 2024

Once again, Jenny Leahy and team put on another Priory Day which took place at the beginning of October aimed at years 5 & 6's. The theme this year was Psalm 23 with interactive talks across the day. There was worship, a singing workshop, prayer space, craft, a treasure hunt, drama and games. Chris & Andrea were involved, with Chris looking after a group and Andrea the Prayer Space. This years team are in the picture below.



Dreaming The Impossible & Youth Gatherings

On Sunday 1st December, Chris & Andrea took a small group of young people to Penrith for a youth service at the 'Gathering Youth Café.' The evening event included a time to play pool, video consoles, and a variety of board games. This was followed by a youth service that was planned by the young people who attended Dreaming The Impossible youth camp in 2024. The youth service included testimonies, worship and a short talk from Chris. Around 25 young people from across Cumbria attended.

As a result of the service, several young people from the Cartmel Peninsula are considering attending 'Dreaming The Impossible' that will take place from the 2nd—7th August 2025.

The bottom left picture is of Andrea and the girls at MacDonalds on their way home from Penrith.

We Need More Regular Donations!

A small donation a month will help keep the CTYT financially afloat in the medium/long term. Most of the money raised goes towards the salary of Andrea, the Community & Youth Leader.

If you would like to set up a standing order please contact Charles, the treasurer, by emailing him at priorsyeat@hotmail.com or by using the bank details below : -

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Please Pray & Give Thanks For:

- Thanks for the year 7 & 8 Chill Out Club at Cartmel Priory School and thanks for Maggie who has been supporting us over recent months. Thanks also for the year 7 assemblies that Andrea and Chris have been taking for the last year.
- Pray for Soul Fuel that meets at the URC Church hall on alternate Mondays during term times between 5.30—7pm and for Soul Fuel explorers that meets in St Marys Allithwaite on Wednesdays between 4—5.30pm. (Contact Andrea for further information)
- Pray for the planning of Prayer Space and year 6 transition events that will take place in the summer of 2025.
- Thanks for the Light Party that took place at St Marys Allithwaite on the 31st October.
- Thanks for the connections with primary schools and pray for everyone involved in Christian Input including Andrea.