

Appendix 1: Report on YCF Ministry for PCC - 6th September 2021

Summer

During the Summer break we offered 'Summer Lovin'' gatherings on Mondays from 19th July to 23rd August. Overall these were attended by roughly 6 different families with the BBQ on 23rd Aug being the most popular. We postponed one (repeat lawn games on 9/8) to later in the day due to bad weather, and there were 3 gatherings (first lawn games on 2/8, beach trip on 9/8 and walk on 16/8) that were cancelled due to low/non-attendance. Although we had relatively few families engage with these events, the simple fact that we organised them and were available showed that we were (and are) here for them and want to be involved with them.

Autumn

With regard to the new term, you will hopefully all now know that we have implemented a new pattern of gatherings for our ministry with children and young people between the ages of 4 and 14, on Sundays. To reiterate this plan:

- 1st Sunday - Parish-wide all-age service, 10am @ St P&P
- 2nd & 3rd Sundays - Altogether Now sessions (ages 4-14 together during service), 10am @ St P&P
- 4th Sunday - Worship in the Wild, 3pm @ St P&P
- 5th Sunday - undecided but maybe a joint 'Light Party' with St Stephen in October

Until we have (a) more flexibility, and (b) more team members, we won't be resuming anything at St Philip.

Grub and Refresh will be resuming as normal from 14th Sept, and we will be continuing to suspend Refresh on 2nd Sunday to encourage the young people to join us at the youth focused Simply Jesus service, with a social time afterwards.

Team

You'll all be aware that Emily has left us, meaning that Andy is now the only employed member of YCF ministry staff. In addition, Hilary & Peter Ruxton will be moving to Cheltenham during this term so their involvement in Refresh & Grub has now come to an end. Victoria has been employed with us on a temporary contract to assist with the YCF ministry but she will be returning to Cambridge mid-September. Furthermore, other volunteers in the YCF ministry are unable to support this term due to current constraints and them not wanting to risk their health/health of those they live with or care for, and another has had to scale back involvement to prevent burn-out (a move that has been wholly endorsed by myself).

What this means is that, even more so than before and despite modifications that have been made, we're in a position where continuing the basic level of provision is a great struggle. This is particularly acute on the Sundays when I am on leave. Please can you pray long and hard for God to provide the right people to join this vital ministry, and think about who you can invite to get involved in it yourself.

Every blessing,

Andy