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Thank you to those of you who support WCCYM financially. We're always looking for additional people to give, either regularly or one-off donations. As well as providing money for salaries, we are also able to subsidise some events, provide resources, and cover our ongoing costs. You can give directly with the bank details below, but it may be helpful for you to contact us on info@wccym.org for more information on giving including how we can claim gift aid if appropriate.

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Thank you to all those who attended our WCCYM fundraiser in November organised by Steve Gaze. It was a fantastic evening of live music and art.



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Newsletter Spring Term 2020

Churches working together for young people

Happy New Year! Welcome to WCCYM's Spring newsletter. We also have the Spring Term Events Diary available, which gives dates and times of what's happening over the next few months. The Autumn term went well, and we have enjoyed having an additional to the WCCYM team of youth workers, with Abi Grylls from Gamlingay Baptist Church joining us. We've been busy with various activities –carry on reading for details! We are so grateful to our volunteers, and enjoyed spending extra time with some of them at a wider WCCYM team evening in October, an evening which we are planning to run again in February.

We have some exciting developments underway at the moment, including plans for a small summer festival in August, and we are hoping that we will be able to run a gap year programme starting in Sept 2020—please contact us if you know anyone interested in joining us for a year! For both of these, we will update you as we progress with plans. Thank you so much for your support; in prayer, help and finance. It really is a team effort, for which we are very grateful. Thank you!

Susie Thomson, WCCYM Team Leader

Sponsored Walk



In September Susie completed a 24 mile walk around all the villages represented by WCCYM to raise money for the work we do. She did incredibly well and was joined by friends and supporters for parts of the walk.

She was blessed with good weather and raised an amazing £1677.50 for WCCYM. A very big thank you to everyone who supported her.



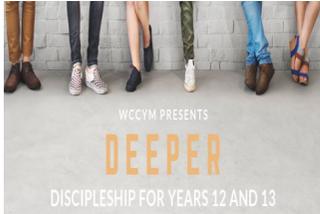
Communicating the good news of Jesus Christ
with young people in West Cambridge

Team Evening

In October we had a great evening for WCCYM volunteers and youth workers. This was a time to meet together as a wider team so we could eat, plan, worship and pray together. It was a great opportunity to discuss WCCYM events and build friendships.



Discipleship Course



A discipleship course for 6th form aged students started in November and will carry on until March 2020. This has been a great chance for the young people involved to explore their faith in a deeper way, and includes two overnight residentials during this time.

Christmas Party

On 8th December we held our Christmas party, it was a fantastic evening with 74 people attending. The idea was to do Christmas day in an evening! So we had a full Christmas hot dinner, the queens speech (played by Jonathan), games, crafts, a Christmas photo booth, and a snow machine. The young people wanted to help others, so we also wrapped and decorated gifts for Jimmy's night shelter in Cambridge. We ended the evening with a talk from Adrian Semerene. It was a great end to the year.



Schoolswork

At Cambourne Village College, Comberton Village College and Comberton Sixth Form, WCCYM help to facilitate lunchtime groups every week, exploring the Christian Faith. Please see our events diary for details.

Sally, Cherie, Susie and Jonathan are involved in pastoral work with individuals and groups, and in the last term we have taken assemblies in both Comberton and Cambourne, on the topic of Generosity. We also took part in an RPE day (Religion, Philosophy & Ethics) at Comberton on Modern Day Slavery. It has also been a privilege to be involved in the Christian teachers prayer meetings at both schools.

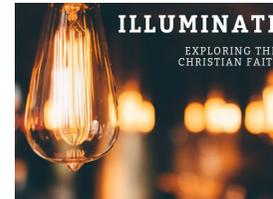
Please let us know if you would like any further information about any of the school groups WCCYM are involved in.

Thirst

WCCYM's monthly youth service is held on the second Sunday of the month, at Comberton Baptist Church from 6.00-8.30pm. If you know of any young people from school years 7 to 13, do encourage them to join us for a meal (kindly provided by WCCYM's partner churches), sung worship, led by our youth worship group and an opportunity to hear from the great speakers we have lined up. This school year we are thinking about how our Christian values and beliefs impact how we engage with the world. Thirst is always a great time of meeting together and it has been so encouraging to see good numbers attending.



Illuminate



We will be running a seven week course called 'Illuminate', starting in January. This will be an opportunity for young people to explore the Christian faith. It is aimed at young people who would not necessarily say they are Christians, or for Christian young people to invite their friends to. Later in the term, we will also be running a short Baptism & Confirmation preparation course. Illuminate would also be a great opportunity to reflect on the basics of faith for those thinking about then being part of the baptism and confirmation group later in the term. For more information contact info@wccym.org

WCCYM Weekend Away

We are looking forward to our weekend away at Burwell House in Cambridgeshire in March (13th-15th 2020). A fun filled weekend is being planned of games, food! friendship and Christian teaching. Please visit our website or see a WCCYM team member for booking forms.



Easter Games Café & Higher 2020 Launch



On Sunday 29th March we will be having an Easter games café which will be a chance to have lots of Easter fun and an opportunity for the young people to meet up again after our weekend away and an event to invite their friends to.

Higher will be coming to our area again in October 2020! For more info on the launch of Higher please visit <https://www.highercambs.com/higher-2020-launch>

