

Giving financially to WCCYM

We need to look at how we continue to finance our youth work, particularly now when there are uncertainties with how we will be able to fundraise, and where funds may come from. We are aware that for other individuals and organisations, this is also a challenging time, and so this might not be possible for many, but we would love to have a greater number of individuals giving to the ministry of WCCYM regularly. We are so grateful to those of you who already do this (you know who you are!), and without you, we would not be able to do nearly as much with young people. 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, including claiming gift aid if appropriate.

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WCCYM Newsletter

Summer Term pt1 2020

Churches working together for young people

Welcome to WCCYM's latest newsletter and events diary. As there is so much uncertainty with making plans at the moment, instead of this newsletter being for the whole of the summer term, it is just for the first half of the summer term. We will then be able to update plans accordingly, as the situation develops.

As we look back to the Spring term of this year, much of it went to plan. However, with the development of COVID-19, some plans had to change. We were unable to run WCCYM weekend, the Baptism & Confirmation course, and the Easter Games Café. Other groups and activities were cut short. We then had to very quickly adapt and work out how best to serve the young people, in an online setting. Policies were updated and permission forms were sent out, and within a couple of weeks, we were able to start running our Christian Union groups and youth service online. It has been a steep learning curve for us, but there are many good resources that have been produced, which have helped us to work in this new way. At this time WCCYM has had to make some tough decisions to help ensure the longer term future of the work, and so Sally and Cherie are now on furlough until the end of May.

Our aim has always been to serve the young people in west Cambridge effectively; to help them reach their full potential, to make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ, and to build the kingdom of God. We are continuing to do this, and are learning how we can do that in the best way possible considering these circumstances. Thank you for your ongoing support. Please continue to pray for us as we navigate this uncertain territory.

God Bless,
Susie Thomson, WCCYM Team Leader



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

Team Evening

At the beginning of March, we had our second team evening for WCCYM volunteers and youth workers. We had a great time meeting together, to eat, worship, discuss, pray and plan together.



Deeper - Discipleship Course



After a few rearranged sessions, we are now into a pattern of sessions for Deeper, the Sixth Form Discipleship group, and have added some sessions to the planned ones, as we are meeting for a shorter time for each session, but every fortnight. We are meeting on Zoom, and have had some

great discussions on Identity and Character so far. If there are any young people of Sixth Form age, please get in contact if you would like to be part of 'Deeper'.

Illuminate

WCCYM ran a 7 week group called 'Illuminate', which was an opportunity for young people to get together to explore Christianity. We used a mixture of material including Youth Alpha and the youth Christianity Explored material.



Thirst



Last term we met on the second Sunday of the month at Comberton Baptist Church for Thirst, our monthly youth service. We don't usually meet for Thirst in the school holidays, but with the situation of COVID-19, and moving to meet online for some of our youth work, we decided to meet for Thirst on Easter Sunday. We felt that some young

people (and leaders) may have appreciated the additional gathering, to chat to others and worship together. Moving forward, we are planning to meet online on the second Sunday of the month, at a new time of 6.30-8.00pm. We will let you know if anything changes. These gatherings will include time to chat, play games, have discussion in smaller groups, pray together, hear a talk, and have some sung worship. If you know of any young people in school years 7 to 13, who might like to be part of this, please email info@wccym.org and we can email out the permission form and information for the meetings.

Quiz

On Saturday 16th May, we had planned to hold a fundraising quiz. We are now going to run an online quiz, on YouTube. Please go to the WCCYM website (www.wccym.org) and look at the Fundraising page for more details. There will not be any charge for the event, but anyone is welcome to give a donation afterwards if they would like to. The advantage of this, is that people from many different places can join in now!



WCCYM Weekend Away

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we have postponed WCCYM weekend, and it will now be happening from 11th to 13th September 2020. We will update you if this needs to change!

Neos



We had been very excited about plans for Neos, a summer festival we were / are hoping to run in August - in fact, we are still excited about it! It's unclear whether we will be able to run the event this year, but we feel that God was and is calling us to do something new with a local event for young people, where we can share the good news and encourage young people in their faith. The current plans involve spending four days camping in Gamlingay, from 14th to 17th August. A mix of worship, teaching, prayer, fun, making new friends, and spending time thinking about the big issues facing young people. Watch this space for more information.

Schoolswork

Last term we enjoyed taking part in an RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics) day at Cambourne Village College, on the theme of how our Christian faith impacts our actions. We had planned to do this at Comberton Village College too, but this has now been postponed.

We have led assemblies at Cambourne about generosity, and at Comberton about resilience. We are currently recording an online assembly for Comberton Village College that can be used in May, as part of their online assembly programme. Some pastoral work is continuing, mostly online, and some at Comberton Village College, for those attending still. Last term we had run courses in both colleges about resilience and self-esteem, for a selected group of students. WCCYM's lunchtime Christian Union groups in Comberton and Cambourne Village College, and Comberton Sixth Form, have moved online for the time being, so please let us know if you want more information.