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Newsletter Autumn Term 2021

Churches working together for young people

Welcome to WCCYM's latest newsletter and events diary. The newsletter contains some updates about our work since our last newsletter, as well as information about what is happening over the Autumn term. If you're not already on the WCCYM mailing list and would like to be, please email info@wccym.org, as we will be in contact if there are any additions or changes to make. We are hoping that the plans we put in place, will go ahead, but as the last 18 months has taught us, we are ready to be flexible and change plans when necessary!

There have been a few changes to the WCCYM team over the last few months. Over the summer, we said goodbye to Sally Coxall. Sally started off working for WCCYM when she did Susie's maternity cover in 2018, and has been a brilliant member of the team! We also said farewell to Abi Graham (youth worker at Gamlingay Baptist Church) during the summer term. Abi and her husband Sam, welcomed their new arrival Florence, in May, and then in July they moved to Buckingham. We have also said a temporary goodbye to Lydia Sings, youth worker at Comberton Baptist Church. Lydia is currently taking part in a 6 month residential programme with Mercy UK, that has a focus on discipleship and wellbeing. We are pleased to say that Nick Slater has joined the WCCYM Team, with a focus particularly on discipleship and evangelism, as well as overseeing WCCYM's digital communication. We are also looking forward to Miriam joining our team. Miriam is a Year Out student from Youth For Christ, coming from Austria. Please pray for Nick and Miriam as they settle into their roles with WCCYM.



Thank you so much for your continued support for WCCYM, whether that is through volunteering, giving financially, encouraging us and being part of what we're doing in different ways. We appreciate the support so much.

Susie Thomson, WCCYM Team Leader

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

WCCYM Weekend

Back in March, we held another online WCCYM weekend. Although our preference would be to meet in person, the online version went very well, with 25 young people joining in with different parts of the weekend. Luke Bacon, a previous Lordsbridge Ordinand, was our speaker, and we ended the weekend with the tradition of gunging a leader – this time it was Nathan Lee from Cambourne Church!



Kintsugi Hope

In the second part of last year, we ran two Kintsugi Hope courses. One we ran as part of the Deeper Sixth Form discipleship group, and one was for Yr 11s, after they had finished their time at school, in June and July. The course gives an opportunity to focus on wellbeing, and we are looking forward to running the course again in this next year.

Small Groups

In the summer term we trialled running some small groups with a different focus for each, and including a time to chat each week about an aspect of the Christian faith. Watch this space for plans for this next term, as we are hoping to continue with different groups.



Easter & Summer Activities

We enjoyed our Easter party, which was online, and then our Summer Social, we were able to have in person at St Mary's Cabin in Hardwick, which was great. In July we also organised a trip to Rumble at Grafham Water, for Live Action Gaming.



Our monthly 'Thirst' youth service continued, mainly on Zoom, but then in person in June. Similarly, the Deeper Sixth Form discipleship group has mostly been on Zoom, but we were able to have two of the sessions in person at the end of the summer term, which was brilliant. We are looking forward to continuing both of these regular activities going into the new academic year, hopefully in person rather than online.

Schools

Schoolswork has continued to be a key part of WCCYM's work, and we were pleased to take part in an RPE (Religion, Philosophy and Ethics) day at Comberton Village College in April on the theme of Medical Ethics, and one at Cambourne Village College in July on the theme of Human Rights and Social Justice. Christian Union groups have continued, as well as one-to-one mentoring, and encouraging Christian staff. During the second part of the summer term, we were also involved with supporting churches with some sessions with Yr 6s, to help with the move to secondary school.



Chaplaincy

One of the exciting developments for this year, is trialling some chaplaincy work at Comberton Village College. WCCYM is already involved in various aspects of the life of the school, but this will mean that we have a greater presence in the college, and are able to be available more. Cherie will be heading up this part of the work, but others of the WCCYM Team will continue to be involved in the work we do there.

Fundraising

We are planning to organise a fundraising quiz in the Autumn term, so look out for details of this. Our hope is that we can meet together in person for this if possible. Thank you to those of you who donated to WCCYM for our cake boxes – we were so grateful for your support, and hope you enjoyed your cakes and scones!

We want to say a huge thank you to the Henry Smith Charity, for their generosity in giving us a grant towards our work focussing on discipleship



and evangelism. We would also like to say thank you to the Kipps Memorial Trust for donating towards our ongoing work, and to local company Durham Magnetico Optics, for giving us a donation towards some of our technology needs. And last but not least, a huge thank you to the local churches and individuals who are ongoing supporters of WCCYM – we could not do this without you!