

Children and Young People's Work 2017

Sunday Club and CYFA (3-18yrs)

We continue to enjoy meeting on Sunday mornings in the Parish Centre where we discuss and learn about a range of topics that help us remain strong in our world today. Through various tasks and activities, we learn more about Jesus and how we need to be more like him. The young people like watching the TBN episodes from 'Superbook' which brings stories from the bible to life and applies their hidden meanings to the 21st century. We have had many discussions surrounding these topics as we continue to delve further into the key messages of the bible.

Our annual Christmas (2017) and Good Friday (2018) Youth services were well attended and as always, our young people did a fantastic job of giving a spirit filled festive message. This year, our Christmas Youth service will be held in Scotby Church.

The young people appreciated everyone's support who attended our film night in the church to watch 'God's not Dead 2'. We had two very well dressed young gentlemen who welcomed everyone and showed them to their seats. Our next film night will be arranged shortly!

As a youth group, we continue to support our child Alex through the Compassion Charity. Our monthly giving provides him with education, food and clothing. The cake sales that we hold have contributed towards additional funding to further support and enhance Alex's lifestyle.

We thank you for your continued support both in prayer and financially through contributing to our fund raising events which help to provide for our social events.

Scotby Film Club (5-18years) and Creche (0-5years)

We continue to work alongside Steve and Susanna Salkeld in order to run the monthly film and crèche sessions. This outreach into the community continues to prove beneficial as new families are coming to these monthly sessions. Our hope in the future is that we have the necessary resources in order to run a weekly crèche for the younger children in our church.

Thanks to funding from the Lily J Brown trust we have been able to purchase some new play equipment in order to further extend our collection of activities and toys which are used in the monthly crèche meetings. We have enjoyed arts and crafts sessions as well as making healthy food plate faces so far this year.

Outreach into community

Thursday night youth clubs have greatly been enhanced this year through additional funding which has enabled us to purchase new, modern equipment at the request of the children and young people who attend. Our football, bench ball and hockey tournaments continue to be enjoyed by both the adults and young people. This fortnightly outreach would not be possible without the support from those who volunteer and support financially, so our thanks and appreciation go out to all of you.

Unfortunately, due to the 'Beast from the East', we had to postpone our planned **Baptism Party** for families within our local community. However, we now have a date in the diary and have already started the preparations to host our party on Saturday 30th June 2pm-4pm. We ask that you pray for this event to reach out into the homes of those people living here and that we have the necessary volunteers to help make this planned outreach a success.

This year saw our usual **November firework night**, which has been a relatively new initiative which we have ran for the last 3 years. This year, thanks to a substantial donation from a few families within the community, we were able to 'up the anti' and invested in one of the biggest firework displays we have ever put on. Thanks to a little work on Facebook, the Village Shop and by word of mouth, we ended up with over 250 people attending from the surrounding villages! This was one of the most successful nights we have ever put on and we must say a huge thank you to those involved and supporting us both financially but also on the night, in the Kitchens, serving food and drinks in the Village Hall after! We hope and pray for another great night this year but we pray for your support both financially and for more helpers on the night for helping with teas, coffees and stewarding the event in 2018, and for the weather! This year we will also be having buckets for collecting money to help raise funds for this future night in years to come!

What is next?

As we plan ahead for future events and activities, we ask for your prayers as we continue to reach out to families within our community so that they can hear the good news of Jesus Christ. We pray that through outreach events such as family fun days, summer BBQs, film nights, weekly Sunday morning sessions, monthly film clubs and crèche meetings as well as Thursday night youth clubs, the young peoples work in our villages continues to grow in order for more people to come to know Jesus.

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