
ST CROSS YOUTH

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

TUESDAY DROP IN

In St Faith's Parish Hall
3.45pm-5.15pm

This group is aimed at 11+, however 8-18's are welcome,

We create space for young people to do homework, have fun, catch up on how they are doing and be creative.

We tend not to have a Bible focus here, but if conversations start we will run with them. We also have a tuck shop.

WIDE GAMES AT SCHOOL

On Thursday lunchtimes I go into St Faith's School and run wide games in the field! It's amazing fun and we are really getting to know the children better.

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUBS

At St Faith's Parish Hall

8-11 age group – 6.30pm-8.15pm

12+ age group – 7.30pm – 9.15pm

This group involved a talk based on the Bible (we have just finished running Youth Alpha), games, craft, food and hot chocolate!

YOUTH AT ST FAITHS - UPDATE

This September marked one year for me here at the Parish of St Faiths. There have been moments where we as a team have witnessed things we thought couldn't happen. We've seen doors opening within the community and the hearts of young people. It's astounding.

One aspect of what we do is help young people learn about Christianity and since Easter we have been doing this through a Youth Alpha course, ending shortly with our first residential trip for some years! We went to sunny Guildford, to a Church there called Emmaus Road Church. We used their building and wisdom about fun things to do locally. They told us about beautiful places we visited. We had two sessions on the Holy Spirit and lots of time to explore what the Bible says about him and how he is. One day we encouraged the young people to find some space and ask God to speak to them. They had their Bibles and we went round and prayed with them, it was so special.

We have also had the privilege to go and run wide games (Tag, hide and seek etc.) with St Faith's Primary School. Each Thursday lunchtime we run games and have great chats with the children. This has created a precious space to support the children on the challenges they are facing and build relationships connecting our church with them and their families. Older children are given information about the youth work currently happening at the Parish of St Faith's.

We are also hopeful about a relationship developing with Kings School. This is in the very early stages but could lead to us running a course for girls called 'I am the girl I want to be' which is based around helping girls see they are of great worth! This is something to be praying for!

During the summer holidays we ran 'Summer Adventures' on Sunday mornings at The Hundred Mens Hall at St Cross Hospital, alongside the 9.30am service. This started on Sunday 15th July and ran every Sunday morning. We saw between 18 and 5 children each Sunday. We had our last one on Sunday 26th July. Each session included craft, story-telling, outside activities and linked the creation and the outdoors to the Gospel. Our older children and teenagers were involved in creating the posters for the event.

We also had some amazing end of term socials, which included donuting (sitting on a big inflatable ring and shooting down a dry ski slope, and a meal out with the older group.

A key factor in the youth ministry as I see it is to build in opportunities for relationships to develop and out of that place of trust we share the gospel and live it out. We continue this vision as we plan this academic year which residentials, term teaching on what it means to have faith (Hebrews 11) and growing in relationship, discipleship and mission together.

Hope to see you soon,

Lauren Cheshire – Youth Leader at The Parish of St Faiths
