

Youth Work Update

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Dates for your Diary:

- 11th –12th May, Liskeard Youth Alpha away day
- 2nd-7th August, Satellites Youth Festival, Bath and West Show-ground
- 4th-6th October, 3Generate, Methodist youth Conference, Birmingham NEC

Please Pray For:

All of our young people who will be taking exams this year.

Any young people who may be struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

All the schools across the circuit and those who provide provision for the young people.

inconclusive?

Hi and welcome to my first newsletter hopefully this will give you a flavor of some of the work that is being undertaken by me (Dean Taylor) on behalf of the Bude and Holsworthy Circuit in Bude.

Inconclusive is our Circuit youth night which takes place at Bude Methodist Church every Sunday evening between 5pm & 7pm during term time.

This group which started in March 2023 is led by the young people for the young people. They decide the program and everything we do as a group. We have enjoyed many different activities including, pool, table

tennis, foosball, messy games, craft, drama, music, creating videos, tie dying, and lots of trips out including to the beach which proved especially popular when the s'mores came out.

Last summer we took a group of young people to CreationFest which was a real highlight of the summer. Only one of the young people we took had ever been to a Christian event but all who attended really enjoyed their time there and the pinnacle of the week

for me was when we all gathered together to pray on the final day. I attach a link to a video we put together where the young



Looking forward to spending time on the beach again this year!

people discuss their experience at CreationFest 2023.

<https://youtu.be/xzy-luf5vns>

Inconclusive is open to all young people

in the Circuit aged between 10 & 16. The young people have also agreed to run sessions anywhere in the Circuit. Please contact Dean for more information.

Satellite's Youth Festival

We enjoyed the trip to CreationFest last Summer and the young people had expressed their desire to go on a similar trip this year.

Having visited last year, I have taken the decision to book to attend Satellites which is a youth festival run by Youthscape. It takes place

at the Bath and West Show-ground between the 2nd and 7th of August 2024.

This trip is open to all young people within the Circuit aged 10-18 and we would love to have you along. The cost of the trip is £75 pp and this includes all food, transportation, and accom-

modation (camping). This will be an amazing event! If you need any further information or would like to book please contact Dean or visit the Satellites website to get an idea of what's on. www.youthscape.co.uk/satellites

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My name is Dean Taylor and I have been working as a Youth Worker in the Circuit since October 2022. I'm originally from Birmingham and have been working as a Youth Worker since I qualified in 2010. My role is mainly based in Bude but I have been out on occasion to a few other churches within the circuit and have also attended Circuit meetings. My passion is to share life and faith with all people in the community both young and old and to be salt and light in this generation. I believe that God has called us here to help to support the young people who are trying their best to navigate their way through life and to share with them the Hope I have found in my own Faith as we journey together. I would love to hear from you if you have any questions for me or would just like to get in touch. Please find all of my contact details on this newsletter.

I will continue to update you about all our work every term. Thanks for all your support!

I will be soon undertaking some support work at Bude Haven Secondary School. The school do great work in the community and it will be a privilege to support them and represent the Methodist Circuit in the School. Please pray for this continued relationship and the works that are undertaken within all the schools both primary and secondary across the Circuit.

Other projects I'm currently involved with

Blend:

Blend is a secular youth group which meets on Tuesday evenings at Bude Rugby Club.

The group which has been running since 2018 has over 40 young people who regularly attend and is well respected by parents in the community.

Blend is Run by Jamie Wright who works full time for Action for Children.

Friday Night Youth Café:

Friday night youth Café runs every Friday evening at the Pearl exchange in Bude. There are about 15 young people aged 15+ who regularly attend and this has evolved into a group who come together to cook and share food, chat

about life and to support each other. I Help run this group along with Jamie Wright.

Drop-in Youth café:

This is a new project we have just started on a Wednesday afternoon hosted at BMC Church Hall in the Anchor Room between 15:00 & 17:00.

The drop in is open to all aged 10-16 and we are running it as an open session with food provided. The vision is to create a safe space for young people to hangout in after school, somewhere they can relax and chill out, chat and possibly even do homework.

Long term Vision:

Currently and since 2012 there is no council funded



Amazing conversations take place around the table!

fulltime youth provision nor a space for young people to call their own within Bude.

I believe it is vital both for the young people themselves and the wider community that a space be provided and maintained, and this is something God has put on my heart as I continue my work.