



Growing Faith

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Youth Church: Plans for Next Term

We have some exciting, and, we think, original and 'outside of the box' plans for the future at our St Christopher's Youth Church.



By Youth for Youth (+ Older Adults)

One of our core spiritual DNA strands, along with being 'outward facing' and seeking to 'grow followers of Jesus' is that we are a church that is 'by youth for youth' and we have no intention to change this. However, next term, we are seeking to widen our reach and we are looking to embrace older adults through a couple of exciting initiatives.

British Judo's 'Finding Your Feet' Safer Falls for Older Adults Course

Through our Friday afternoon school judo club in the first instance, we shall invite grandparents of our club members (but also anyone else who fancies it) to take part in this course that is aimed at older adults and includes falling safely and learning how to get up after a fall. Judo naturally has a lot to offer in this area and we feel this could be a big help to our local community.

Following an introductory course in the first half term, we shall then invite all participants to attend a follow up 'Hope explored' course through our Wednesday afternoon youth church small groups, introducing the Christian faith. This will take us up to Christmas, when we shall advertise all local churches' Christmas services and encourage participants to attend.

We hope that this combination of a practical and spiritual off to our pupils' grandparents' generation will be well received by our wider school community.



Archbishop of York Young Leaders' Awards presented by the new Bishop of Burnley

During that same Autumn term, our Youth Church will turn three years old. We are delighted that the new Bishop of Burnley, The Reverend Dr Joseph Kennedy, will help us to celebrate our third anniversary as a youth church on Wednesday 6th November.

During this service, our young people will be presented with their Archbishop of York's young leaders' awards, that they are currently working very hard to complete. We hope that you will agree with us that God is working very powerfully amongst us at this time and blessing us richly through our youth church.



Please continue to pray for us that we shall continue to build His Kingdom here at St Christopher's and continue to serve Him with all our might.

ST CHRISTOPHER'S YOUTH CHURCH

By youth for youth; Outward facing; Growing followers of Jesus

HOW TO LOVE YOUR YOUTH CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY:

Think

- Read and reflect on the passage to be preached on at youth church.
- Who can I welcome, encourage, listen to, lovingly correct, challenge?
- Who can I ask about their Christian story?

Speak

Use the homily as a springboard into conversation about God and His Word:

- I was so encouraged by...
- I never knew that...
- I was glad to be reminded of...
- I still don't understand...
- I was convinced by verse...
- I am determined to try to apply...

Pray

For those leading & serving ask God to help the:

- Preacher; Bible readers; prayer leaders; musicians; car park/welcome team; refreshment assistants; audio/visual technicians.

For the congregation ask God to:

- Draw newcomers and those who are irregular or hesitating about coming.
- Prepare the hearts of His people and transform them through His Word and His Spirit.
- Help people to love and serve one another.

For yourself ask God to:

- Prepare your heart and change you.
- Use you to help others take a step towards love and obedience in Christ.
- Give you wisdom about where to sit, who to welcome, listen to, encourage, pray with.

A song for reflection



Hold My Heart
by Tenth Avenue North

Church Support

Church Services

Please visit these church websites to see when their services are taking place:

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship: [Website](#)

St John's and St Augustine's Church, Huncoat: [YouTube channel](#)

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Rishton: [Facebook Page](#)

St. John's Church, Baxenden: [Website](#)

Peel Street Baptist Church: [Website](#)

Ernest Street Baptist Church: [Website](#)

All Saints Church, Clayton-le-Moors: [Facebook Page](#)

St James' Church, Clitheroe: [Website](#)

Burnley Life Church: [Website](#)

St Mary Magdalen's Church, Accrington: [Website](#)


St Andrew's Church, Accrington: [Website](#)

St Peter's Church, Accrington: [Website](#)

Brave Church: [Website](#)

Trinity Church, Great Harwood: [Website](#)



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