

Praise points:

- ⇒ **Big Questions:** That the group are always enthusiastic to see me and are well up for discussion about anything and everything.
- ⇒ **Youth Group:** That we settled into our new venue well and are looking forward to a great last term together.
- ⇒ **HCYT:** That my time at the trust has been full of adventure and growth, both spiritually and personally.

Prayer points:

- ⇒ **Growth:** that the Christian Union, in particular, would grow in numbers and be a welcoming space for more students and a firm foundation for their faith.
- ⇒ **Direction:** For the Trustees, that God would guide them to make the right decisions for the future of the trust.
- ⇒ **Exams:** The season is upon us. Please pray for the young people taking their exams and for the teachers as they support the students.
- ⇒ **Energy and Enthusiasm:** To keep me going as things get busier throughout this term.

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Hunsley Christian Youth Trust



Prayer and News Summer 2018

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

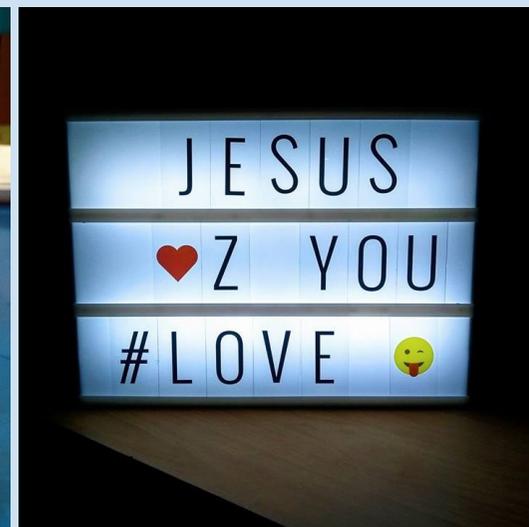
- *Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

This term's newsletter is written, for you, by Beth (HCYT Schools Worker).

The summer term has finally arrived, and with it, some warmer weather... hopefully.

Last term ended with a week of Easter assemblies at South Hunsley. Helped by members of the Christian Union, the students and I explored some challenges which may seem possible but are actually impossible, and vice versa. For example; the ability to step through a piece of card (spoiler alert: it is possible). We spoke about how, at Easter, Christians remember Jesus coming back to life after being crucified— a task that seemingly defies all logic and possibility. Do you believe it could be possible?

I would like to give a HUGE thankyou to my helpers for that week. They did a brilliant job and made the week much more enjoyable for all!



So, how did last term go?

Big Questions: Big Questions is such a joy to be a part of. Last term we discussed anything and everything that came to mind– Veganism, Slavery (as part of #wpcu2018) and whether or not The Lego Movie is a good movie (it is). But, there was one particular session that stood out to me. I decided to turn up one week and simply ask the young people what they wanted to discuss, which led us into a very interesting conversation about faith, religion, God, and what it all means. What a conversation! It was great to see the young people gain the confidence to ask these questions and to challenge one another. I'm excited to crack on with our last term together, and wish the group all the best with their upcoming exams.

Christian Union: In the build up to Easter the CU explored the gospel of Mark. We worked our way through its account of Jesus' life, discovering John the Baptist; Jesus' miracles; His teachings; the disciples; and His death and resurrection. A core group of the same young people turn up each week, which is really encouraging, but growth for this group is still on my heart, so I would love some different options to be explored. MASSIVE thanks to Ben for continuing to support me in this group!

RE:Action: Last term my mum and I helped with a number of RE:Action days. The Label of Love team did a fantastic job finding their feet with their recent changes, and the children (and I!) had barrels of fun. Our theme was Journeys into Easter, I was given Palm Sunday, so here I am holding a large Palm Leaf:
I'm looking forward to joining the team again this term for the last time.



Youth Group: Youth group has been, as always, an absolute pleasure. We kicked off the year by settling into our new venue (The Magi Room in St Helen's, Welton). "Settling in" involved a trip to the shops to acquire a number of cushions and throws to give our group a more chilled-out atmosphere! We explored the theme of generosity, thanks to the help of the KLEER Series videos and the 40acts Youth resources. We have built bridges using straws; created our own emojis; drunk hot chocolate together and played multiple games of Zip Zap Boing. The most exciting thing, however, appears to be the youth group lightbox, pictured on the newsletter cover, proudly displaying a design chosen by one of the young people.

This term, youth group are superheroes; flying through life together, finding lots of "big" life topics and working out which superhero qualities they have to help them out. Many thanks to St Helen's for allowing us to use their space, and to Tom for his continued support and enthusiasm.

Last term was filled with STUFF, including times of raising awareness of different issues - like the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, exploring modern slavery - and organisations - like Fairtrade fortnight.



Main focuses and goals for Summer term 2018:

Leaving prep: Yes, as you may or may not be aware, after a wonderful 3 years (a long time!) with HCYT, I am leaving at the end of June. I am very sorry to be going, my time here has been such a brilliant adventure, but God's nudging me to take my next step and I am excited to see where He leads HCYT in the years to come! It has been a pleasure.