

# Hunsley

## Christian Youth Trust

### Prayer & News Autumn '12



#### SPARK: Created to be Creative

Mark Tiddy | Youth Facilitator & Schools Worker

As we approach a new term with 'SPARK' (Our monthly youth event which celebrates its 3rd birthday in November!) we're introducing a new theme and a slight format tweak.

Our theme for the year is 'Created to be Creative' and will introduce the idea that God has created each of us as creative beings, all of us are creative in one way, shape or form whether that is something craft related, music related or even really good at creative revision! With each form of creativity comes an opportunity to worship God and that's what SPARK is about this year!

The guest speakers lined up so far are being invited to spend less time talking (they are literally being given 5 minutes to talk!) but are being invited to lead a creative activity with the young people who come along to help them worship God in different ways.

We haven't confirmed all guest speakers yet but so far it looks like young people will have a chance to worship God through craft (with Jon Steel), song-writing (David Cooper of TheReign), drama (with Credo team members), creative prayer spaces, photography & more!

Alongside that SPARK will still include worship (led by our youth band), games, a chance to meet other Christians from the wider Hunsley area plus the tuck shop and free hot drinks.

It's set to be a fantastic year of SPARK events and a great chance for young people to explore their creativity and how it can link in with their faith and bring them closer to God.

SPARK runs on a 4th Sunday between 7:30 & 9pm (Free hot drinks & tuck shop from 7:15pm) at All Saints' Church in Brough. For more information see [hcyt.co.uk/spark](http://hcyt.co.uk/spark)

SPARK Dates: 28th October, 25th November, 27th January (February onwards dates TBC)



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## Termly Schools Worker Update

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So here we are at the beginning of another school year, a time when for many young people there are new things to embrace whether that's new subjects, new schools, new class-mates or simply new teachers. It's also the time when youth groups, clubs and everything else that HCYT is involved in starts up again for another term, and it's the time for planning the activities that lead up to the Christmas celebration towards the end of this term (but more on that in the January newsletter!).

Generally the summer term is the time when things wind down for the summer holidays, young people finish their exams and leave school and generally the numbers of people coming along to clubs and groups decline yet I think the last term was probably my busiest yet!

There were more opportunities than ever before to work with year 6's in primary schools as they prepared for the transition to secondary school both through 'It's Your Move' lessons and Reaction.

I also had an opportunity last term to be involved in assisting with some year 7 RS (religious studies). This basically involved just going in and being in the lesson, helping the students with the lesson's activities and engaging with them. It was a great opportunity to get to know students and answer some of their questions, an opportunity which will continue this term with a new group of year 7's.

I also taught 2 lessons on Amish Christianity to Year 13 towards the end of last term as they explore fundamentalism. It's always something I look forward to being asked to do as it's exciting to tell a group of young people about a fundamentalist group who are radically forgiving and peaceful and also really interesting to get them debating the merits of forgiveness and what forgiveness really is.

As I look forward to this term there are lots of things coming up ranging from our Christian Union group starting back for a new term to opportunities for Christmas assembly for all school years including sixth form. It's set to be an exciting, busy new school year and I hope you'll continue to pray for the work of Hunsley Christian Youth Trust as we explore new possibilities!

Mark Tiddy

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## Financial Update

Pete Jarvis | Treasurer

HCYT is now entering its fourth year of operation. Our first three years have been amazing, and we have achieved more than any of us thought possible. There can be no doubt that the Lord has stood beside us all the way opening the doors to new opportunities. Financially we have also been blessed. As well as our four supporting church groups, we also receive an income from private donations and we are very grateful to all who support us in this way. We also received a generous donation from the URC in Elloughton. In addition, we can now also welcome the Hull (West) Methodist Circuit to our trust following their decision to commit to yearly financial support to us. All these contributions help us to maintain the programmes that we provide and, just as important, help us to continue to grow and explore the new opportunities that present themselves. Up until now, our income has just about covered our outgoings. Although we now have the additional financial support from the Hull (West) Methodist Circuit, it is important that we continue to follow the opportunities that the Lord provides. There are many areas where we can enhance what we do now, and also those where we can grow new programmes. But in order to achieve this we need our financial income to grow as well. If you are in a position to make a one-off donation, or provide a regular contribution to HCYT, please contact us, or fill in the form in this newsletter. You will be helping reach out to young people in our community.

## Year 6 Transitional Work

Mark Tiddy | Youth Facilitator & Schools Worker



Each year in the summer term HCYT has the opportunity to work with year 6's in primary schools as they prepare to make the transition from primary to secondary schools. This work is hugely important as often making the move from a small village primary school to a large secondary school such as South Hunsley can be daunting.

This year we ran 2 streams of transitional work. Firstly we wrote to the feeder primary schools of South Hunsley and offered to go in to deliver an assembly or lesson but also to present year 6's with a copy of Scripture

Union's resource 'It's Your Move'. We had 4 schools take us up on this and I delivered 3 whole school assemblies on transition followed by a Q & A with year 6 in Elloughton Primary plus lessons with year 6's in South Cave, North Ferriby and Welton Primary schools. In total we gave out around 180 'It's Your Move' books to year 6's.

The second stream of transitional work was through our Reaction days which we run in partnership with Label of Love & Sue Holmes (RE in Hull). The summer days are aimed at year 6's and 7's and at the North Ferriby day we had around 100 year 6's attend from Swanland & North Ferriby schools who joined dance, music, reflection, quiz & creativity workshops themed around 'Going for Gold'.

A huge thank you to Label of Love, Sue Holmes, Dawn Bolton, Rob Tearle and Hellen Sewe for making the Reaction day a huge success.

We hope to continue building on our transitional work next summer!

## Christian Union Update

Rob Tearle | Parish Assistant, North Ferriby



As you may know Mark Tiddy, Hellen Sewe and myself have been leading the Christian union at South Hunsley for the past year. We are really grateful for all the work Hellen did last year.

The CU is a brilliant opportunity for both Christian and non-Christian students in the school to meet up, after school on Wednesdays and allows the Christians to get a bit of extra encouragement as they see they're not on their own, whilst those not yet following Jesus can feel unpressured and free to explore the Faith in a relaxed environment. It's been great to see a few new people join us from time to time as well.

Last term we did a mixture of sessions including 7 weeks going through the SOUL DVD course (basically a youth version of Christianity explored) focussing on the mission and identity of Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. We also incorporated a bit of Drama and Craft as well as a brief look at the end times! CU finished just before summer with the typical end of term social, food and games!

Please pray that we would be able to show the young people that Jesus is just as relevant today as ever and that as we wrestle through the Bible and other big issues we would be engaging and creative. This coming term is hopefully going to be a an exciting mixed bag as we look at a range of issues from New starts to Social Networking to the Truth about Christmas with loads more packed in in between.

# Our Termly Prayer Diary

Your Guide to Praying for HCYT

We hope you will use this prayer guide to guide your church and you personally in praying for the work of HCYT. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for our work.

November Prayer Requests Continued

## October Prayer Requests

Please pray for the Christian Union and those that attend it. Pray that God would continue to use that group to bring together Christians within school & grow the group.

Please pray for Mark as he leads youth work on residential during the 1st and 3rd weekends of October. Pray that God would be with him as he prepares and guide him in what to share with the young people who attend.

Be praying for SPARK on the 28th October as we welcome David Cooper to lead the young people in some song writing. Pray that the young people would engage with it and really connect with God through it. Pray that God might use this theme to help young people realise their gifts.

## November Prayer Requests

Be praying for Reaction as it takes place for years 2 and 3 on the 13th November. Please pray for Mark, Rob & the Label of Love team as they lead workshops throughout this day, also be praying for all the children that come along, that they might enjoy the day and learn something about God.

## December Prayer Requests

Be praying for the Christian Union as they plan for the school Christmas assemblies. Pray that God would help them in finding a way to share the message with students in a relevant way.

Be praying for the Christmas assemblies as they're delivered to years 7-13 over the last 2 weeks of term. Pray that God would use the assemblies to speak to the young people about the message of Christmas. Be praying that something of the message of Christmas would be remembered by students. Pray in particular for any CU members involved in delivering the assemblies.

Pray for the HCYT team as they take time off over Christmas. Pray that God would use that time to prepare them for the next term!

## Contacting & Supporting Us

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