

## **Children and Young People's Vision Group Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 9.30-11am**

Present: Beverly Watson (chair), Julie Lodge, Simon Moulden, Rosemary Woodcock, Maddy Payne, Emily Moulden

Apologies: Jeanette Whiteman, Andy+Linda Wells, Jo Dwyer, Vanessa Virgo

Stepped down: Karen Taylor

### **Review of Children and Young People's Groups since last meeting: January 2019**

**Toddlers:** Going well with 12-25 toddlers, plus parents/carers. Parenting course appreciated by those who came (New Wine's Family Time course). Seekers Course offered but no take up. Refreshments provided faithfully by Rosemary; some help from Jenny Powell, Pam Parke; Trish and Eve, Sue Hawkins (holiday cover for Rosemary). Ellie Jesson-Atkins stepping down as Rowan starts school. Plan: implement a rota for helpers from All Saints from September.

### **Children's Church and Quest:**

Busy and good term. Started with Breakfast together, and ending with Breakfast together – very popular! General aim is to keep CC and Quest separate; but Breakfasts will draw everyone together – aim for twice a term. Quest provides a calm place for discussion/chat which is greatly appreciated.

Sports on field planned for last Sunday of term; indoor games at Christmas; picnic in September for families.

Clear message from parents (at meeting with Pippa), that Sundays at 10am are key, and the time they want to come.

Team of 5 members, including Lydia in the holidays. New members needed; Julie will ask Ellie, Jo Smalley, Katy Peters to be a second pair of hands on an occasional/monthly basis.

Julie graciously agreed to continue as Children's Church+Quest overall leader in September. Thank you Julie!

### **Youth Led Programme:**

New programme this term: monthly Social, monthly Sustenance, monthly Service. This term has gone well with a Pilgrimage to St. Martha's, a Social at Willow Grange, planning meeting at Rob+Cally's, and the Service planned for 21<sup>st</sup> July. The feel is now more relaxed, and easier for friends/new members to come along to.

### **Matrix Hub:**

Off to a great start! 6 young people the first in May, 9 in June. Young people have felt able to bring friends; and the relaxed/fun feel is appreciated.

(Note: Matrix is involved at County School, offering lunchtime clubs. We have an open offer from Jack Mahew to be more involved, but Beverly doesn't have capacity at present to take up this offer).

### **Messy Church:**

As parents are keen to prioritise 10am as the time for Worship, should we consider bringing to an end the termly Messy Church at All Saints (4pm)? Beverly to discuss this with the MC team when they meet on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Definitely keep the 2 MCs at Onslow Infants and at QE.

**Altogether Worship:** Going well. Emily suggested a 'youth take-over' maybe once a year, instead of the Youth Led Service one term. We agreed to discuss this at Youth Led Planning on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 6pm, as we plan the Youth Led Programme for the year ahead.

Sunday Services generally: Considered introducing an extra All-Age worship Service, maybe on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Maybe it would be better to try bringing some Messy Church ideas into *Altogether Worship*, rather than change the current service pattern at present. We could put a couple of big bean-bags at the back of church, to make it more comfortable for young people during All-Age Communion (Beverly to let Wardens know). Julie to refresh the children's toys at the back of church, putting them in baskets and changing the toys from time to time.

**General points:** It would be good for young people to interact more with adults in the congregation; suggest we put colouring sheets on all the tables during coffee after services, and encourage children/young people to sit together with adults. (Beverly to let Wardens know).

**Next meeting: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30am-12.30pm in the Reading Room**