

# CYP vision group 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Present: PF, JL, VV, SM, JW, RW, EM, MP

Apologies: LW Also CN has stepped down from this group to concentrate on her other commitments.

## **ACTS 13: 1-3**

Set apart for the work God has called us to – fasting, praying and laying hands on each other. We spent some time praying for each other – simple prayer – Holy Spirit come and fill x for the work you have called them to.

When we prayed at the end for CYP ministry - JW had a picture of fertile soil with seeds waiting to be planted, and PF had a prayer reflection on a cookie with multicoloured sweets in it – the cookie is only delicious because it has all the different sweets and we need to reflect that in this ministry – that everyone is welcomed and **together** we make a delicious cookie.

## **TRANSFORMING CHURCH GOALS**

### **PREVIOUS TC GOALS FOR CYP:**

1. To review our work among children and young people, and explore why numbers have dropped.

### **AREAS OF CHANGE AND GROWTH**

**Toddlers Group – Christian ethos grew under Noeleen, now Vanessa leading it with storytime included; parenting course and faith seekers courses planned.**

**SC has become CC with Andy and Linda leading it, with increased children's interaction, dramas and fun.**

**Youth club on hold but YL Service has just had its first amazing year.**

**School ministry significantly increased – prayer spaces and MC in both, as well as routine work in schools.**

**Messy Church now entering new phase – with a more outward focus and a new sense of flow between different areas within MC.**

PF has done a manual review of the numbers of young people at services comparing the last two years for the PCC.

**We have had a 1% increase in numbers of children across all our services in the last year, sept 2017- aug 2018.**

2. To establish a regular worshipping pattern for families and to continue to grow in numbers.

**Just over nine months of AW on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month – with a focus to be accessible for primary age children and meaningful for all. Steady growth in this service both in momentum and confidence, but also in regular numbers and new people coming.**

**Messy Church has had good regular attendance, with many of the families being church families, but it did not succeed so much in having an outreach focus.**

**We discussed the challenges for families coming to family communion regularly. We reflected that we have never asked families about worship and so will seek to do a survey amongst the families in the congregation but also may look to do a survey at Onslow and QE too.**

3. To encourage the whole church to take responsibility for the spiritual growth of children and young people, including considering employing a part time Children and Family worker.

It takes a whole community to raise a child and we are a very intergenerational church.

The plan is to increase input from older members of congregation into CC – monthly input with different focus – eg Ann Feest painting with QUEST, puppets, people sharing life experiences with CC. Included in that is intentionally increasing the input for QUEST am.

Mixing more at coffee time – creative and colouring areas all laid out on big tables, not a separate children’s area, so more intergenerational. To consider decorating the large church cross as an intergenerational activity. Encourage church members to go and see what is happening at CC – perhaps once per year each.

**Youth worker proposal to become part of first goal for new TCC plan**

## PROPOSED NEW TCC GOALS FOR CYP:

**A commitment that all the CYP work in this parish will be underpinned by prayer– undertaken by the whole church, by all those in the individual teams and the leadership team. Praying with an expectation for God to expand and develop this ministry. Teaching of, and the exploration of, different types of prayer to continue to be provided.**

WHAT?	HOW?	WHEN?
1. To develop our Youth ministry	To employ a Part Time Youth Worker :	By beginning of 2019
	To help with discipleship of Youth at QUEST AM and PM.	Ongoing
	To facilitate midweek Youth drop in.	By summer 2019
	To join with PF AND BW to explore reopening of Youth Club in ? partnership with Matrix.	By Summer 2019
2. To connect with parents of children and young people who are not involved in church.	Parenting course Toddlers	September 2018
	Faith seekers course Toddlers	Spring 2019
	MC Onslow and QE	Termly for each
	Termly Baptism tea	October 2018
	Light Party for 31/10	October 2018
	Who Let the Dad’s out?	Summer 2019