

PRESENT : PF, RW, EM, MP, CB, CN, JL, JW, LW. Apologies: AW, SM.

**WELCOME especially to Emily and Maddie representing our young people and also to Jeanette from MC.**

### Psalm 139

We reflected on Psalm 139 and thought about God's care for us/ God's care for those we serve. That we are at the same time both wonderful and complex. That God does not mind if we get things wrong, he just wants us to try, he cheers us on and helps us to get back up after things go wrong. It is all about Jesus and if we keep that perspective it helps us not to be burdened that we are indispensable.

### VISION CASTING:

What is God bubbling up and saying?

**Children and Youth Worker** – as an overseer and pioneer of this work – with links with schools, joining the dots across all aspects of CYP work and linking between BW and volunteers. PF has had this role as part of her curate's role, but will be released to start considering where God is calling her to serve as an incumbent in April.

**Strategy** – to continue to build on the Transforming goal for this work and needing to continually link and look for what is starting to bubble up – working with dads is key as mostly it involves mums at the moment.

**Hospitality and invitation** – in different forms so many different smaller events to invite people to – come and see, like pet service with time to sit and chat afterwards. A sense of looking out and drawing in.

**Mentoring** – listening to children is key. This is happening well at the YLS but EM and MP asked whether there could be a mentoring scheme. Some of this happens within Quest but there is real value in one to one relationships between mentor and a mentee.

**Deepening Faith** – discipleship. Steeping stones to do this, again strategy. Intentional discipleship does happen as part of YLS. But a sense that QUEST AM has got a bit absorbed into CC. PF to meet with AW/LW together to look at overview of CC.

**Dads** – need to look at how to get them more involved. Since the meeting PF has wondered whether doing a Who let the Dad's out? group on a Saturday morning in the reading room might work.

### SCHOOLS WORK:

#### Prayer spaces:

PF has suggested to QE that prayer space is held here at church. Then children come and connect with it but space supervised and manned by staff. Resources replenished by volunteers.

Prayer space at Onslow – would be good to use the Meadow room as it was an amazing break out space for children with challenges. Again could be set up by volunteers but then staff to man and supervise.

**Junior CU:** a suggestion by EM/MP to run an after school club at QE – café/discussion club

### MESSY CHURCH:

PCC have asked for a review of MC. CB has led it with enthusiasm and vision for 2 years but will be laying this down for ordination training.

Resource heavy in terms of activities, meal and numbers of volunteers – 14 for MC which is once per month compared to 7 for CC which is three times per month.

SEE ATTACHED CYP RECOMMENDATIONS TO PCC.

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH:**

A sense that the team is really committed but very stretched. An invitation to be given to an open morning so that parents can come and see what goes on. Also an invitation to come and chat to CC leaders in coffee time.

Comments that the prophetic painting that Ann had done during the Watch, which was shown at one of Easter services, was very inspiring. PF has approached Ann and she is happy to come and do a session with Quest AM.

A need to get dads more involved.

## **YLS:**

The growth and discipleship in this group is wonderful to see. A sense of the young people leading the way in this church. PF shared about a prophetic day with BSSM, Bethel School of Supernatural Ministry, that she had been to. The students from California spoke out very powerful prophetic words over the teenagers. Something to explore in the future as well as possibly taking a group to Soul Survivor next summer.

A desire for more social interaction for Youth. PF suggested we could use the reading room as a youth meeting room on Wednesday evenings, having a large board where the toys are stored at the moment. On the board could be art/word scapes etc. A place to come with friends, have drinks from the kitchen there and just relax, chat together. Not a structured time just a place for friendships to grow.

EM and MP mentioned the youth doing something down at Dray court. We also talked about serving the older members of church, perhaps at the over 50s tea.

## **TODDLERS:**

The atmosphere is wonderful, a real sense of God in the space. A prayer box is available for people to use and there is now an intentional small God slot. The numbers have been growing steadily and relationships are deepening. Perhaps some of the teenagers who are at private schools could pop into Toddlers at the end of their term.

Noeleen and the team have done a great job. Noeleen is looking to step down at the end of May as moving away.

Vanessa has offered to take on the coordinators role. Coffee/tea is going to be moved to earlier so that the equipment is set up together with those that come at the beginning and then rewarded with refreshments.

Angela has offered to be involved with coffees to allow Rosemary to circulate more with the puppets, but she will need to go through the safer recruitment process.

**PROPOSED DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: Normally once per term - but I think it would be really valuable to meet again at the end of this term.**

**EXTRA MEETING : SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 11am at vicarage**

**NEXT TERM'S MEETING: either SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPT at 11am or SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPT at 11am at vicarage – NB please let me know which time works best.**

