

## Reports to CLT - September / October 2018

### CBBC/Youth Report:

At time of writing, we are in our fifth week of the new CBBC year, and settling in well. We have regular groups of six 3-5s, seven 6-9s, six in the youth group, and a number of occasional visitors.

Our prayers for another leader for the 3-5 group, the 6-9 group, and the youth group have all been answered – praise God! – allowing for a more workable rota of leaders who each have some time in church to listen to the message. We are also grateful to those who have committed to supporting the leaders and children each week.

We continue to use Scripture Union LightLive materials with children from 3-9 which include games, activities, bible study, prayer and crafts. These age-appropriate materials are also occasionally used in the youth group, but a much more flexible approach in this group allows for life and faith issues also to be explored, for relationships to be built and supported, and for questions to be asked and answered.

Five of our youth group, and Hannah Wattam, have attended the Youth For Christ Evangelism Weekender in Kidderminster from 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October. This forms a natural but challenging progression from attendance at Fort Rocky weekends in previous years, and serves to include our young people in the church's vision for greater personal evangelism. It also promises to be a lot of fun!

Speaking of fun, we hope that all of our children and young people and their invited friends will be involved in a 'CBBC bounce' at AirKings or similar on the afternoon of Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - more details to follow.

Annette Morris

The CBBC/Youth team

### **Open the book**

We have really enjoyed being back in the schools following the Summer break and received a warm welcome from each.

This term we are covering stories from the life of Jesus, please pray that the children will come to understand who He is and why He came.

An answer to prayer - Annette has joined the New village team and she is already making a very valuable contribution

Jenny Stephenson

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### Training

The training has concentrated on 3 areas

#### 1. **Leadership development group.**

The training has concentrated on a personal relationship with God through the truths of the Bible and the need for an effective prayer. This term we are turning our attention on to the person and work of the Holy Spirit including who is the Holy Spirit, our relationship with the Holy Spirit and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit. We will then move on to personal evangelism and developing our specific gifting that God has given us.

#### 2. **Personal Evangelism training for the whole Church**

We started this with the seminar taken by Barry McKnight on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. I have to be honest and say this was disappointing to me and was not what I was anticipating. We will have another seminar in late October to make it much more relevant to us and to be much more practical

#### 3. **Creating Evangelism Teams**

Two teams have been created.

- a. Evangelism events team to put on 3 high quality events per year to try and connect with the community as well as having an evangelistic edge.
- b. Evangelism team. This team will go into personal witnessing training in a deeper way to get them comfortable in being able to share their faith with friends neighbours etc. After this phase we will move on to reaching out in supernatural evangelism using the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

There exciting times ahead.

Dave Miller

### Safeguarding

I am exploring if all the DBS checks are done and up to date for both CBBC and renew 127.

As more people are getting involved and volunteering in both areas will there be a need to do an up to date of Safeguarding training? There are changes happening all the time, especially in relation to the legislation regarding online media access.

At present there is nothing further to report.

Gill Beams

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### renew 127

I am very pleased to report that renew 127 is going really well; we have a group of regular guests who come in most days plus those who come in regularly on a specified day, we are also welcoming new people at each session every week, which is thrilling. We average between 12 and 21 people (and babies) on a daily basis (thank you God).

In August we hosted an afternoon tea for our guests, which was lovely and very much appreciated, thank you to Jenny and her Life Group who provided delicious sandwiches and cakes and to Annette who provided the cups and saucers, teapots, plates and cake stands etc, it was truly a special event.

We had our official opening on 12 September 2018, by Ros Jones, Mayor of Doncaster, it was a lovely day attended by local councillors, Ruth Rice, our hosts, NHS, Doncaster Age UK and other agencies who we are connected with us, and last but not least our lovely visitors, without them it would be a very different story.

On 26 September we hosted a MacMillan Coffee morning and to date raised £115.49, a big thank you to the amazing effort of those in our fellowship who provided cakes and buns or donations.

renew 127 is serving our community in a spectacular way, we are helping people on a daily basis by signposting them to the appropriate agencies, we have helped with benefit claims, housing, furnishings, simply listening and caring, friendship and learning new things, as well as just having conversations and being accepting of our visitors, everyone and anyone can step through our doors without fear of judgement or feeling inferior, a quiet shared space where it is ok not to be ok. If the Prime Minister stepped through our door followed by a homeless person the welcome would be exactly the same, which just about sums us up.

The prayer/quiet room continues to be a very powerful sanctuary, where God is ever present, 127 revolves around this space, we start our sessions in here at 0945hrs praying for those who will come in, meditating and reading the word. We are in again at 1145hrs to commit the afternoon session to God and his purposes for 127, and finally at 1345hrs to give thanks for all those who have stepped through our doors and for the wisdom God gives us when dealing with situations.

Finally anyone who feels they could make a difference in the lives of Bentley New Village residents, come and see me/us for a chat, in particular we feel a male presence is necessary, not least that men are more likely to come in if there is a male presence, currently Wednesday and Thursday are covered but not Tuesday morning. Please prayerfully consider if that person could be you, and then have a chat with me.

Many thanks to all our hosts who tirelessly give their time to 127, you are all very much loved and appreciated.

Anne Gosling

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### **Pastoral**

I continue to co-ordinate all prayer requests via text or WhatsApp to those in Life Groups, and to some who are not, if you are not in a Life Group and wish to receive pastoral updates please speak to me or text me with your name on 07902 833630 and I can add you to the list.

The system is working really well and I am pleased that we are able to reach so many people in a matter of minutes. I always post on receipt of the request, which at times can be late in the evening, so it may be advisable to put your phones on silent if you don't wish to be disturbed.

May I take this opportunity to thank all Life Group Leaders who pass on pastoral concerns to their groups, which at times can be rather lengthy, however of late I have posted a shortened version so you can choose.

Thanks again for all the pastoral work you do within your groups, it is very much appreciated.

Anne Gosling

### **Admin**

Over the summer there have been things going on, most majorly the clearing out, and sorting of the cupboards both in the Ridgeway Lounge and the Youth Lounge. It is amazing what we have hoarded and has now been confined to the skip. There are however items which have been kept because they are either required or are of historical importance. One of the finds was a box still containing eight bottles of communion wine. We now have enough to last well into 2019.

As we approach the end of the year, plans are well in hand for Christmas, with Ruth and her team taking the lead on that. Once again we will be having a Leaders Away Day in November where time can be spent in reflection, prayer and looking to the future.

Thanks to David B, the old photo copier was sold on E bay and has now gone from the office. Admin is not glamorous and most of it is routine. I give thanks that God that He is as much a part of this, as any other part of church life.

Andrew Thompsett

### **Women's Life Groups**

Having been newly appointed to the role of Women's net leader, I have recently met with the Women's life group leaders to find out who attends life groups, also finding out how many are currently not involved with a group. It was great to see how many women are involved and how each group operates individually to the needs of their group but still maintaining the core values of the Church.

I will be looking at ways we can encourage others to attend something that works for them as I understand a life group is not always convenient for some due to days/times etc...

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I have really been listening to the Lord recently and have some ideas for the near future to encourage and support the women of the Church and beyond. Although I am seeking guidance on how I progress with these ideas and trusting the Lord that they will be carried out when appropriate and done faithfully. I am excited to see what God has for the women at Bentley Baptist Church going in to 2019.

Lorraine Jackson