

REPORTS FOR AGM / CMM 2020

CBBC/Youth Report: January 2020

We have regular groups of two 3-5s, seven 6-9s, (three?) in the youth group, and a number of occasional visitors. We are very grateful to Gill Beams, who has worked hard to ensure that most leaders and supporters are now DBS checked, and to Stephen Parker, who supervised the completion of the annual CBBC/Youth risk assessment. Both processes ensure that our children remain safe in the CBBC/Youth sessions.

We enjoy our time together, and the children and youth group continue to make good and supportive friendships. Some are developing confidence in praying for one another during our 'share and prayer' starter. We had a great time over Advent, enjoying sessions in CBBC which focussed in on key characters in the Christmas story, before contributing to the lovely family service – thanks, Lorraine! – and then enjoying a film and popcorn morning just before the new year. Unfortunately, it was necessary to postpone our 'CBBC bounce' at AirKings in early January, but we hope to organise another date soon.

Scripture Union have recently announced their decision to focus on reaching the 95% of children and young people not in church, and no longer to publish new *LightLive* materials. They are currently offering one annual compendium for each age group which contains previously well-received materials, and providing all the resources leaders need for their age group, including photocopyable masters and links to web downloads. We therefore have a good quality, scripture-based programme of materials to take us through to July 2020, but wait to see whether another compendium will be available for 2020-21. If not, we will need to find a new resource base. Please pray into this, and also talk to the leaders if you would like to know more about our present programme or sessions for both CBBC and the Youth group.

Please continue to pray for all of the children in the 3-5, 6-9 and Youth groups, and for the leaders. We remain a committed team who manage to meet the needs of our children and young people, but we need to hear the message and join in fellowship more regularly each Sunday. We will also need more leaders if we are to continue to meet the individual needs of our children, as present group structures will not be appropriate from September onwards. Please pray for an increase in leaders and supporters, and give prayerful thought to whether you could become a team member.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The CBBC/Youth team

Open the Book

We have had a number of encouragements since the last report

A special visit to Kirk Sandall to present the Christmas story was very well received. Several encouraging comments from members of staff including one stating how much we are trusted. Invites to the Christmas dinner at Arksey where we sat with the pupils at their tables and were able to chat with them, and invites to attend Carol services and Nativity productions which were also enjoyed.

The excitement and happy smiles we receive when children see us arriving, the way they are attentive and obviously enjoying the stories and the fact that they remember so well what happened in the previous story all make our visits a pleasure.

I am very thankful for the commitment of everyone in the teams giving time each week to plan, practice and to learning their parts. We are also grateful to Colin and Cyril for transporting numerous and cumbersome props in their vehicles.

We all appreciate Pauline's considerable talent in producing made to measure costumes, some beautiful camel puppets and an amazing prison! Thankyou Pauline.

Thankyou also to many of you who support us and the schools regularly in prayer. It is a joy and a privilege to be involved in this work and our prayer is that we will be able to continue to share Gods love with the children in this way.

Jenny Stephenson

Pastoral Report October 2020

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 07574 300 252 and I can add you to the list.

The system continues to work 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 (otherwise I am likely to forget!), 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

Renew 127 Report 2019

We have now been open for two years and it just gets better and better, and what a fabulous journey to be on with such a brilliant Team, I can honestly say that they are amazing and go the extra mile on a regular basis, but more importantly they are so on board with what Renew is all about 'it's ok not to be ok, you are welcome to come and just be yourself with no fear of judgement'.

Last year we updated the premises with new storage solutions built by Judith and her apprentices (Kellie and me) and I have to say they look lovely, thank you Healthwatch Doncaster for financing this project. We also celebrated the Tour De Yorkshire passing through Bentley, the premises were decorated with all things Yorkshire and we provided light refreshments for the local community, who I have to say were totally hands on making tea and coffee and clearing up afterwards. Thank you to Doncaster Council for giving us a micro grant which enabled us to purchase outside seating and refreshment supplies.

We continue to see new faces on a regular basis, particularly men of late, fortunately God sent us someone who has a great personal understanding of the issues these men are coping with - God never fails us!

My vision for the future continues to be open five days a week, there is still a definite need in the community for places such as Renew, and with God at the helm we can fill that need. We need people who have a compassionate heart, good conversational skills, making and encouraging new friends, good listeners, non-judgemental, an ability to empower others to reach their potential, but most of all a desire to serve, and a heart of love for our local community. There are people in our fellowship who can instinctively do all the above and more, you just need to get out of the boat!! The benefits of serving God in this way are extremely rewarding and fulfilling.

From a financial perspective we could do with some outside storage for the patio chairs and tables etc, and some of our visitors mentioned a day trip to the seaside, many of them are unable to afford holidays, so it would be good to organise something for them, failing that they all enjoyed the afternoon tea we put on in the first year, so a repeat of that would go down a treat.

Everything we do in 127 flows from the prayer space, it is not Our centre, it is not what WE can do or say, We cannot change lives but our Heavenly Father can and he directs our paths, decides who will step through our doors and if we listen to Him he will quietly let us know when to listen, when to speak and when to shut up! There is never a dull moment.

There are now 50+ Renew centres up and down the UK and this continues to grow rapidly - it is God breathed - join us for the ride of your life.

Anne Gosling

Safeguarding Report

2019 All those involved with Open the Book, Renew 127, CBBC, Youth and crèche have up to date DBS certificates. Totalling 26 altogether. These will be reviewed again in three years as recommended by Thirtyone:eight the independent Christian safeguarding charity.

2020 We are looking into Safeguarding training with Thirtyone:eight. They can provide training events at local churches for a minimum of 20 delegates. The training would be on a Saturday. Although the work in church is voluntary, delegates would have to commit to attending the training due to costs. We would need to consider if the training would be open to everyone in the church or only those working with children and vulnerable adults due to the cost. We could consider inviting other safe guarding leads/volunteers from the other Baptist churches in Doncaster depending on numbers. Andrew is looking into the costs of training and possible numbers who could attend. We are still considering whether it would be beneficial for CBBC/youth/creche leaders to wear lanyards to show visitors who to speak to if their children are going into CBBC/youth/creche.

Gill Beams

Fabric Report for 2020

This is an update of work carried out over the last year up to this date.

New water heater fitted in kitchen and the hot water supply is now at a controllable temperature with no problems of not being hot enough, or no hot water at all.

All gas heaters serviced and safety checked

Church roof maintenance done and all is well for the time being. Hopefully we have also fixed leak over the extractor fan. (Pointing to Manse brick work, this will be carried over to 2020 work load).

PAT testing done 2020. (Church and Renew 127).

All fire extinguishers have been tested. (Church and Renew 127).

Manse. Had a problem with the water supply costs from the tenants, found to be leak from the meter. No cost to us incurred and tenants did not get charged.

Renew 127. New heater fitted to the disabled toilets. There is now a Key safe so that spare keys can be kept safe.

This is work that we would like to do and work that is required.

Church

Top inside wall front, due to paint peel and damp penetration, this will require the need for scaffolding inside the church across the back of the room.

Sound proofing to the Youth Lounge

Church lighting. Spot lights and small spots to be costed as replacements.

(Small Scaffolding frame needed to do the fitting due to safety).

Office

Floor needs some attention due to floor board fail. This will need the removal of the carpet and furniture. We will at the same time re plaster the wall that has blown.

Ridgeway Hall

Flat roof needs to be repaired due to water build up in corners, now coming though. (Roof over 30 years old).

Would like to replace all the outside fascia on the hall at the same time. Need to get some prices.

Storage

Extension to sheds for storage and the move of the security fencing to the end of the Ridgeway hall. This will give us storage not just for the extension build but for future storage and work areas within the security fence area.

Colin Russell

Fabric Deacon.