

Deanery Youth Champion update for Deanery Synod 26th June 2017

As the Summer term draws to a close there are loads of festivals and events for all ages. How about trying some of these:



Book your free* tickets here:

<http://ow.ly/e6uo308j23V> .

It'll be a great

There's Inspirational Speakers, Messy Churches, Dance works shops, Prayer spaces, Gospel Choirs, Bands and much more.

*Suggested donation £15pp/£40 per family

A dark banner for Solid Festival 2017. The left side lists dates '7-9TH JULY 2017', '45 FUN-PACKED HOURS FOR 7-17 YEAR OLDS', and location 'STUBBERS ADVENTURE CENTRE, UPMINSTER'. It includes contact info 'WWW.SOLIDFESTIVAL.ORG.UK @SOLID_FESTIVAL 02030868186' and logos for The Church of England, The Red Balloon Family, Scripture Union, Urban Saints, and YFC. The right side features the title 'SOLID 2017!', subtitle '#1 CHRISTIAN FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH EAST', a list of activities, and 'EARLYBIRD RATES AVAILABLE UNTIL 28TH MARCH (£50 WEEKEND/£29 SATURDAY)' with the Solid Festival logo.



Soul Survivor

<http://soulsurvivor.com>

Several groups from the Colchester Area are planning to go to

Soul Survivor Week B

19th-23rd August 2017 – Peterborough Show ground.

If you'd like to join in with these groups please contact Matt

matt.williamson20@me.com or Beks Rebekah.korniej@gmail.com

Free Family Fun Festival

Please bring your youth group to hang out in the youth zone

Saturday 16th September 2017

Colchester Castle Park

Come along and enjoy the fun

or

Why not get your church involved?

For more information go to www.familyfunfestival.org.uk

Are any of your young people going off to University/College?

Don't forget to help link them up with people and churches in their new town/city.

Fusion - www.fusionmovement.org provides a fabulous link up service and information about what different churches in university towns offer for students.

In the absence of an area youth advisor feel free to let me or Bishop Roger know where they're going and we'll be happy to help link them up too.

Youth Work News

Youth Advisor:

Following interviews in February the role of Colchester Episcopal Area Youth Advisor was not filled. This post is currently being advertised again. The advertisement can be found at:

ow.ly/Tfmn30cbxXa or <http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vacancies/staff/youth-adviser-colchester-episcopal-area?platform=hootsuite>

Please share this link with anyone you think God may be calling to this role and ask them to consider applying. The closing date for application is 7th July.

Diocesan Youth Strategy:

The Diocesan Youth Strategy was approved at March diocesan synod. Mark Tiddy (Bradwell Episcopal Area Youth Advisor) is coming to talk to us about this at next Deanery Synod.

May I encourage you to prayerfully consider how this deanery will respond?

Within your parishes/MMUs explore how you can listen to the young people around you?

We know that research consistently shows that around 86% of those who become Christians in the UK do so before the age of 25. How much of a mission priority is your parish/MMU's involvement with young people? I'd encourage you to consider how purposeful engagement with under 25s can be developed in your area?

Informal Youth Worker Network:

Bishop Roger continues to host a productive Informal Youth Worker Network each term at Colchester Firstsite. Nationally there is a growing gap both in provision of services for young people and in the training of youth workers. This network is attended by youth workers from a wide variety of sectors and provides a great opportunity to hear from others involved in youth work locally and to identify and share experiences, needs and resources. The next one is 17th July 9.30am-11.30am at Firstsite. If any of your youth work team would like to attend they would be very welcome. I'd just ask that they email me, Rebekah.korniej@gmail.com to confirm they are attending so we can confirm numbers to Firstsite.

Please Pray:

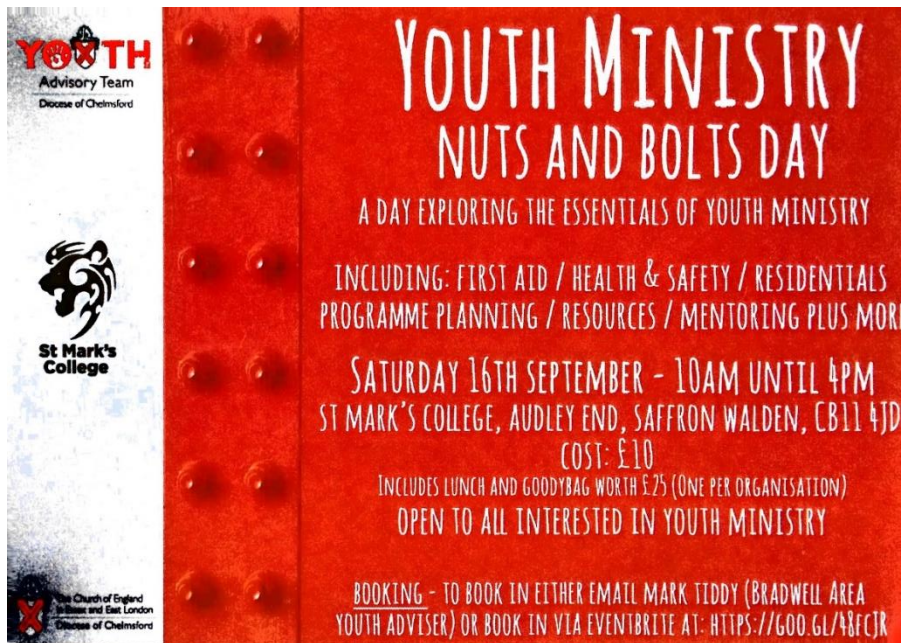
Please pray for the 3 churches within the Colchester area (Christchurch, Colchester Baptist and Kingsland) who have recently advertised full time employed youth work/ministry posts. At the time of writing I understand there have been very few applicants.

As time goes by the luxury of being able to employ an experienced/qualified youth worker may well become harder. Oasis college, from Sept 2016, no longer offer youth ministry degree courses and the courses available across the various CYM sites have reduced. There are other providers but the current reality of this is the pool of youth work students who are seeking 3 year placements to do youth ministry in

our churches is reducing. In the longer term there will be much fewer qualified youth workers. So logically the pool of people looking to fill youth ministry jobs will reduce.

Training events:

Please encourage your youth and children's ministry volunteers to attend Youth Ministry Nuts and Bolts and Learn to Listen:



YOUTH
Advisory Team
Diocese of Chelmsford

St Mark's College

The Church of England
Diocese of Chelmsford

YOUTH MINISTRY NUTS AND BOLTS DAY

A DAY EXPLORING THE ESSENTIALS OF YOUTH MINISTRY

INCLUDING: FIRST AID / HEALTH & SAFETY / RESIDENTIALS
PROGRAMME PLANNING / RESOURCES / MENTORING PLUS MORE

SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - 10AM UNTIL 4PM
ST MARK'S COLLEGE, AUDLEY END, SAFFRON WALDEN, CB11 4JD
COST: £10
INCLUDES LUNCH AND GOODYBAG WORTH £25 (ONE PER ORGANISATION)
OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED IN YOUTH MINISTRY

BOOKING - TO BOOK IN EITHER EMAIL MARK TIDDY (BRADWELL AREA YOUTH ADVISER) OR BOOK IN VIA EVENTBRITE AT: [HTTPS://600.GL/48fJR](https://600.GL/48fJR)



Learn to Listen

Growing the church with Children & Young People

Saturday 4th November
10:30am until 4:30pm
St Andrew's Centre, Histon
(Near Cambridge)
£10 (including lunch)

A day conference to discover...
How to listen and respond to the voices of children and young people
Ways to encourage the participation of children and young people in the whole life of the church community

Facilitated by:
Tony Cook - Youth Adviser for the Diocese of Bath & Wells
Sonia Mainstone-Cotton - Early Years and Participation Consultant

Booking
You can book in online at <https://goo.gl/mDV7VI>
or contact your Diocesan Children's or Youth Adviser

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THANK YOU:

Do please pass on a Huge thank you to all those involved in youth ministry, what they do can often be unseen and unrecognised by the wider church congregation. Can I encourage you to make a point of thanking and encouraging all those involved in youth and children's work and also be proactive in supporting and assisting in this important ministry?

On behalf of the young people from across the Colchester Deanery and further afield I'd like to thank Fordham church for all they have done in hosting Joy (Ecumenical Youth event). Particular thanks go to AJ (Fordham's former youth worker who had the vision to start this event) and Duncan Brisk their current intern who has helped steer the management group following AJ's departure.

I'd also like to wish Duncan every blessing as he moves on from Fordham to train for ordination. With his departure Fordham church feel they can no longer host this event. The small management group have decided to suspend Joy for this summer and hope to hold the next event in the autumn term. If you/your youth work team would like to be involved in the planning of future Joy events please do get in contact with either Tim Abbot – Tim@cyocolchester.org.uk, Stu Keiller (Witham Deanery Youth Champion) stu@snailgary.com or me Rebekah.korniej@gmail.com.

On 16th July 2017 Bishop Stephen is hosting a BBQ as a thank you for youth workers and their families. If your youth worker hasn't yet been invited please drop Mark Tiddy mtiddy@chelmsford.anglican.org (Bradwell youth adviser) or Hannah Robinson hrobinson@chelmsford.anglican.org (Barking youth adviser) an email with your youth workers contact details so they can be sent a personal invitation.

We've also got a youth workers bowling night planned for 5th September. There will be more information about this and the next Coffee, Catch up and Prayer get together on Colchester Yuuuuuuf Workers Facebook group. Do let me know if you'd like to be added to the group.

Please contact Mark Tiddy (Bradwell Youth Advisor) mtiddy@chelmsford.anglican.org or Hannah Robinson (Barking Youth Advisor) hrobinson@chelmsford.anglican.org if there are any urgent youth work enquires and do feel free to contact me if you have any general Colchester Deanery Youth enquiries.

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