

Easter 2023



CHURCH ARMY

Happy Easter!



I cannot believe that it is almost Easter, the year is going by so very quickly. It seems like it has been a blur!

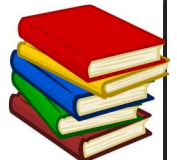
I want to say many thanks for your understanding with me having to cancel things at short notice due to a family medical emergency. It is really quite tough when someone close to you gets very ill very quickly. Unfortunately, this may have to happen again in the next few months and I thank you for your patience.

Please ensure that if your contact details have changed they have been updated on the youth club paperwork. If you have any questions please let me know.

So.....What have Leeds Centre of Mission been up to since the beginning of the year????

Bishop Young Academy school catch up.....

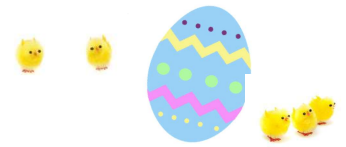
The work in Bishop Young Academy is going well. It was an honour to be able to be involved with the English department and to give a soldier's point of view on historic war poetry as part of the curriculum. Also, to be able to have a question and answer session on my experiences of war zones, with the students, was a real privilege.



Leeds East Academy school catch up.....

I am very pleased to share the update that the school work has expanded to include a day working with Leeds East Academy. This is brilliant and a huge step forward in meeting the young people of Seacroft where they are. I will be liaising with the staff and supporting some of the students requiring a little more 1 on 1 attention. On my first day as I was being shown around the school I met up with some of the students known to me from the Biker Outreach and youth club, they gave me an enthusiastic welcome and I'm looking forward to being able to mentor the students and support the staff in this school.

Youth Club news.....



Both the youth clubs are going on from strength to strength.

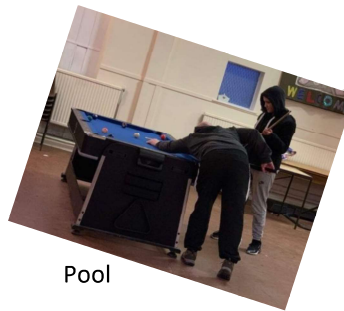
The younger club routinely enjoy an indoor game of football or play basket ball. We have also began to include some craft activities and will be increasing the type and variety of crafting for a option of a quieter members of the gang.

This year in September a number of our younger group would be eligible to move to the older, 7pm-8.30pm group. The older group can be a little overwhelming to younger members. If they would prefer to stay in the 4pm-6pm group and look to transitioning slowly over a few months, this can be accommodated. I will discuss details of how we are going to do this closer to September.

The older group are still making good use of the 3 in 1 table donated at the end of last year. The pool table is very popular and we will be looking towards holding a pool tournament in the upcoming months. And I'm also looking into possibility of playing wheel chair rugby ...so watch this space.....



Craft- paper flowers



Pool



Yummy pancakes.....

Reaching the community.... Biker Outreach



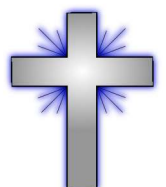
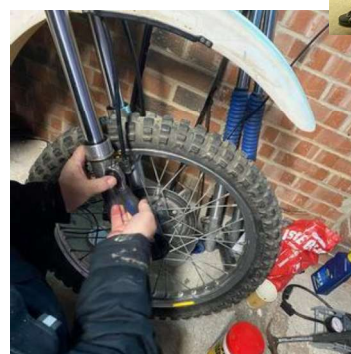
The Biker Outreach is coming along really well. With many youth attending each week. The social media accounts are reaching the community, and our post are getting more and more hits, recently 36k hits on one Facebook post alone!! To increase engagement with the many young people that we have visiting the garage, we are looking for a broken bike or bikes –it could be a push bike or a moped or a motorbike. If you have any or know someone who has, please consider donating it to us. The more things that we have to work on the greater the engagement.

I really want to say a massive thank you to our volunteers –
The volunteers are the backbone of what we do and without them nothing would be done.

The Christian Motorcyclists Association volunteers who are the real experts behind the Biker Outreach Oliver, John, Michelle, and Steve. They give their time up week after week – no matter what the weather or the difficulties that we are experiencing .



We are very lucky to have wonderful support from PCSO Sharon Taylor who regularly visits.





The recent visit of ex professional boxer Andy Flute was awesome. We welcomed approximately 20 young people to St Richard's and they were able to participated in a boxing workshop, receiving expert coaching, Andy Flute helped the youth work on their skills. He identified three who have really good skills and encouraged them that if they did hard work they could 'make it' to a high level in the sport – ***IF they worked hard.*** Over lunch, they listened to his story and were really moved by his powerful testimony. Seeds of the Gospel were placed in their hearts.



A big shout out 'Thank you' to our youth club volunteers..

The work just would not be done with out you.

Our Youth Club volunteers give their time and without them we would not be able to do anything. Michelle, and we include a thank you to her husband, John, who drops her off every week and picks her up too. Victoria and Nathan who are in full time education at university but still take time to be with us, along with Kiera another full time university student. Jonathan and Kären who are also involved in ministry working with Connecting Crossgate and have their own really busy schedule but still find time to help. Martine and Rev Anne from the church in Seacroft Parish come in regularly to help. Plus our young helper, Chelsea, is absolutely star, stepping up to run the tuck shop at the younger youth group. We recently welcomed Leah back to the team and have welcomed a new volunteer, Tolu, a contact through the Scripture Union and we are looking forward to working with and getting to know better.



Thank you!



Revolution Church news...

Revolution Church is progressing well with young people engaging with a basic level of exploring faith and learning the power of prayer. We regularly finish our time together with playing a game of pool or basket ball.

Prayer Requests

- ◆ We pray for the continuing growth of the Church Youth Group and for Gods direction for this mission.
- ◆ We pray for the momentum of the biker initiative to continue.
- ◆ Thank you for all the volunteers who help and support us.
- ◆ We pray for the continued growth of the Revolution Church, the development of the service and for more youth to come to know Christ as their saviour.
- ◆ We pray for Rev Anne Russell, Rev Dominic Mughal and Curate Kate Butler as they minister in Seacroft. For strength in their work.
- ◆ We pray for all the organisations we have partnered with and worked with over the last few months. For ongoing cooperation, bringing the Gospel to all in Seacroft.

Please keep in touch



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