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YOUTH CHURCH

# Windermere Deanery Network Youth Church

Update Autumn Term 2017

**A lot has happened over the last 4 months, below is a taste.**



Ignite Fridays is a group of around 12 young people that meets weekly in Grange over Sands. This is a form of Church.



13 young people and 8 Adults, went to Knock Christian Centre, for the Deanery residential in July 2017.



Taking part in Love Stafford as part of Soul Survivor July 2017.



Ablaze Lakeside saw 75 young people meet at the YMCA in September for an action packed day, with a BBQ and campfire worship to finish.



A new youth group has started in Ambleside on Monday nights. We are currently looking at the Alpha video series. The plan is for the group to grow and develop so watch this space.

## Exciting Times.

**Many thanks for your support and prayers over the last 4 months, a lot has happened.**

We congratulate Libby, who is the youth worker in the Cartmel Peninsula who supports the work of the Network Youth Church. She and her husband Stu have had a baby boy called James. Libby will be back working in February 2018.

Meanwhile we welcome Katarina who is an intern from the Diocesan Internship scheme. Those who have met her will appreciate that she is a bubbly character who is very easy to get along with; she has made a tremendous impact since she started in September. She again will be based in the Cartmel Peninsula and one of her roles will be drawing alongside some of the girls who we work with.

We have several regular groups which are listed below. To compliment this work, we still have a large presence in schools. We regularly go in to both Cartmel Priory School and The Lakes School to take form time reflections. We also held a prayer Space at Cartmel Priory School and were involved with year 6 transition sessions across the Deanery in June 2017.

It has been great to see relationships deepen in Ambleside between the local Church and the Network Youth Church. Much time has been spent helping to develop Crumpet Church and this has led to the starting up of a new youth group on a Monday night.

We are seeing growth in numbers and you may be interested to know that the work of each NYC is regularly monitored. In the last monitoring exercise for the Windermere Deanery it suggests that we are in regular contact with over 60 core young people and over 100 others who are on the fringe.

We are also seeing growth in the young people's relationship with God. I was recently blown away by a young person who attends one of our groups who after a year or two of denying there is a God, now admits that he believes and that God is helping him in his life. Another young person who also attends regularly was recently baptised in Coniston.

It is a joy to be seeing Gods Kingdom grow within and amongst young people in this deanery and we are excited to see what happens in the future.

Many thanks,

Chris Mason.

### **Please pray for the weekly groups around the Deanery that we either run or support.**

**Monday** Crumpet Church & Youth Alpha (Ambleside)

**Tuesday** Vision (Cartmel Priory School) & Xstream (Staveley)

**Wednesday** Monthly Girls Cell group (Grange over Sands)

**Thursday** – Flookburgh Youth Club

**Friday** - Rock Solid (Allithwaite) & Ignite Fridays (Grange).

**Friday** – Monthly Lads Cell Group (Grange).

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