



Liquid Youth News - Summer Term 2011

Dear church family,

It has been a long time since our last newsletter and so many exciting things have happened! From September to December we ran a youth alpha course to give our young people a chance to re-visit the basics of our faith, with guest speakers coming in to keep things interesting! The course was also a great opportunity for some of our young people to step up as leaders of small groups and it was exciting to see them develop these skills as the weeks went on. In the spring term we commenced a series on the Ten Commandments with a view to explore what they mean to us today. Sunday nights have been a great time where our young people can get to know each other better, receive solid Biblical teaching and deepen their relationship with God through prayer, worship and ministry.

Us youth leaders count it such a privilege to lead and be a part of this amazing group of people. If you feel inspired, passionate or called in any way to get involved please get in touch!

24/7 PRAYER

Becca and Sandy spent much of the beginning of February preparing for the opening of the yearly 24/7 prayer room. The room was open 24 hours a day for a week, with people from different churches in the area coming together to sign up to pray, so on each hour of every day there was at least one person praying. The prayer room was filled with interactive prayer stations which covered a different topic to pray for, from the world to Haslemere and the Church. This year the prayer room was a triumph – each hour was covered and there were many people touched by God's love through it. This year's theme was based on Romans 12, where the Church is described as Christ's body, with each member bringing a valuable gift, and the image of each Christian being called to live as a 'living sacrifice' for the glory of God. The prayer room was an awesome space for members of Liquid to spend time connecting with God in their own personal ways and lifting others up in prayer. We spent all of Friday night there with sleeping bags and snacks (youth leaders took shifts...)!

SUMMER EVENTS

Summer is fast approaching and we have some exciting stuff planned! The Wave is on its fourth year running and this year we are making some changes. Instead of this being a youth led event we are asking adults to take a joint lead and get more involved. Also, the Holiday Club will be held in the marquee on Lion Green with a view to make it ecumenical, more visible and open to more children. We hope this will create a central buzz too! Our young people always love doing The Wave and we look forward to seeing them bond as a group and use their abilities to serve the community around them.



St Bartholomew's Church
St Christopher's Church



WEEKEND AWAY, MARCH 2011

In March we took our young people to Dalesdown Activity Centre for our annual weekend away of Spirit-filled worship and teaching. We were blessed to have Martin Dodd speaking to us on the theme of 'Telling Others' about God, and we enlisted the help of Eliot Ambrose to lead us in worship for the weekend. We had an absolutely amazing time - God met with each and every person there and transformation was obvious. We also enjoyed great food, group bonding, games and a tremendous Talent Night - some say it was the best weekend Liquid has had to date!

GIRLS AND LADS NIGHTS IN

Once a term we hold lads and girls nights in. These evenings are great for our young people to explore issues that are relevant to them - the girls watch movies, eat dinner and get their nails done while the lads do their thing with Xboxes, pizza and manly talks. These nights are themed and address issues like "being a man of God," "Friendship" and "What do men want?"

CELL GROUPS

Girls and Lads cells are still happening every Tuesday night to provide a place where young people can meet, pray, study the Bible and chat openly with each other. It is an awesome way to encourage spiritual growth and also allows everyone to take on leadership roles.

HOPE FOR JUSTICE

During the Spring Term we held two RE Enrichment days at Woolmer Hill (with Yr 10&11) to raise awareness about human trafficking. We had a visit from Ben Cooley, the CEO of Hope For Justice, come and speak to us to inspire the pupils to create masterpieces - and I must say he succeeded! The work the pupils produced was incredible. They have written and recorded songs, dramas and stop-motion animations with the wish to promote Hope For Justice's fantastic work at the Haslemere Museum, where an exhibition ("Break The Chains") ran from 20th April - 4th May.

ANNOUNCEMENT

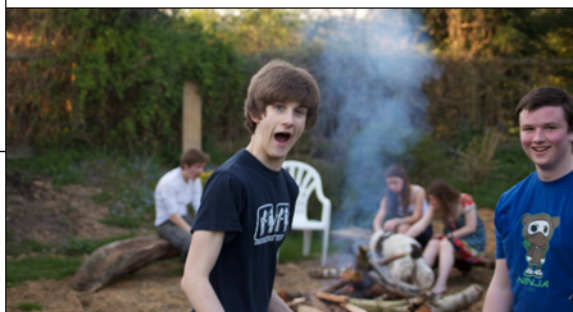
Lee & Laura Nancarrow will be leaving Haslemere in June to continue their ministry at Revelation Church in Chichester. This means St Stephen's are looking for a Youth and Children's Director. Please pray that God will bring the right person at the right time to fill this position.

TESTIMONY FROM ONE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE...

"The weekend away that Liquid went on recently opened my eyes to how much everyone has grown and what an amazing bunch of people we have in liquid. When I first started at Liquid I wasn't very confident - even lifting up my hands in worship was difficult and I sung so quietly that I couldn't hear my own voice! But after a while the brilliant people showed me such acceptance and kindness that I now feel so lucky to have such wonderful friends and I am loving watching those newer to Liquid grow in confidence and in their relationship with Christ!

yes please! ♥"

Ella Caie, member of Liquid Youth



GLIMPSE

Once a term we hold an outreach event that draws many young people who don't normally attend Liquid. This event is held once a term with a DJ, games, competitions, open mic and a short talk. It is very successful and we are looking for ways to encourage people to cross over to Liquid from Glimpse.