

# amplified

Amplified is a youth group for 11-14 yr olds at St Stephen's Church, led by Lee & Laura Nancarrow with a few volunteers. We meet every Sunday morning during church and every Thursday evening during term time. Our vision is to AMPLIFY love in our relationships and to AMPLIFY God in our lives. Check out what we get up to!



## WE'RE GROWING!

As you know, over the past 18 months we have made some changes at Amplified. Our term plan is made up of a bi-weekly schedule of God slots and activities. We have really encouraged our young people to invite their friends to come along to Amplified, and we feel that the activities we do make this easier. Recently we have welcomed more and more new faces and are very positive about the growth we're seeing.



In May we will be embarking on our annual weekend away to PGL, Hindhead - a great place to experience some adventure and bond as a group!

## GOD SLOTS

Every other Thursday evening and every Sunday morning, Amplified have 'God Slots' - this is where we explore Christianity and study the Bible to understand more about who God is and what living for Him means in our every day lives. We use The Grid from Scripture Union to help us prepare each session (see right). Now and again some great questions pop up like "why should we love our enemies?" or "why is there so much suffering in the world?" We do our best to explore these issues and encourage discussion and debate (and come up with some answers!). It is so rewarding to be a part of these young people's journey with God and to see them grow in their relationship with Him.



**What our young people say....**

***“Amplified is a place where you get to see your friends and you get to praise God. It is creative, fun, friendly and mental!”***



**BRING YOUR OWN UTENSIL**

One Thursday evening we told our group to bring a kitchen utensil with them. It wasn't until they arrived that we revealed we were going to eat Spaghetti Bolognese - with the kitchen utensils! Some brought whisks, others brought basters, and one person even brought an alien-like lemon juicer! Needless to say we made a big mess and had a lot of fun!

**REINDEER RAVE**

Once in a while we get all the local church youth groups together and put on a big joint event. The purpose of this is for our young people to have an opportunity to get to know other Christians in the area and to grow these relationships so that when it is time to move up to Liquid Youth (14-18 yr olds) they will hopefully already know each other. It is also a great opportunity to bring some new people along too! At these events we have a DJ, games, food, chill out areas, competitions and also a short talk. Our last event was called "Reindeer Rave" - unfortunately we were unable to hire a reindeer for the occasion but we certainly had a rave!

**GIRLS & LADS NIGHTS**

We feel it is so important to split the lads and girls up once in a while and enjoy an evening together. So we always build this into our term plans. The girls mostly like to eat ice cream and watch girly movies together while the lads do more manly things like making bonfires and cooking sausages. We believe it's vital to encourage girls to be girls and boys to be boys and to celebrate our different qualities, but we also want to look at ways of challenging stereotypes and being boxed because of our gender. This is how we would like girls and lads nights to develop in the future. If you are inspired by this or have ideas on how to do this then please chat to us!



***As announced, Lee and Laura will be leaving St Stephen's Church and starting a new job at Revelation Church in Chichester. This means Amplified will be run by volunteers over the summer term until a new youth worker is appointed. If you would like to be involved in running Amplified or can help in any way please get in touch! Lee & Laura: 01428 656141***