

## **PCC meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2009: Youth Work Report.**

### *Soul Survivor*

In August a group from EC went to Soul Survivor festival in Somerset (an annual Christian youth camp- see [www.soulsurvivor.com](http://www.soulsurvivor.com) for more). There were 13 of us in total and about half the group had been before. We had a fantastic week, with fantastic sunshine for most of the week. All of the young people who we took really got a lot out of the week, with one of them making a commitment at the start of the week and many of them responding in the ministry times. It was really encouraging to see the entire group get up and pray for people as well during the ministry time throughout the week.

### *Youth groups*

Regular youth groups have started up again for the new term, good numbers so far at Gap and Synergy, and also at Youth Alpha which we are running during EC.

Sally and I are in the process of assessing the provision for the 15 + age group. We hope to continue the Lounge cafe, but are having to start again with a new group as all of the previous group we were working with have reached 18 and are moving on to new things. We are going out flyering as the school buses arrive back in the afternoon, and hope to build contacts that way, as well as having invited those who were at Synergy but have moved up in to year 10 this year, and hope to engage with these young people still as well..... hopefully I will be able to give a fuller picture of how things are going at the next meeting.

### *Sunday Mornings*

At St Peters the Sunday morning group has grown considerably as I have taken on some of the older ones (10 year olds) from Joes group, and we are hoping that this new arrangement will take off some of the pressure from Joe and also aid the young people's transition from Children's work in to the youth work at the church.

I still go down to St Leonards on the first Sunday of each month, and although numbers are never high when I go down there I still feel it is important to continue to go as long as there are families with young people worshipping regularly at the church. When I preached at St Leonards at the end of August, Rob Orr and Ellie Owen came and shared a bit about their experience at Soul Survivor which was well received.

### *Youth Work Management group*

So far, Tina Lewis and Debbie Orr have agreed to be on the youth work management and support group, and I hope to approach one other person in the near future to be on the group. We are going to meet for the first time in October and will start working through the 'We Love our Youth worker' charter (see <http://www.weloveouryouthworker.org.uk/> for more info).

Other

Over the summer holidays I went out with Sally Vigurs on several of her projects and have been able to develop some relationships with some of the young people she works with.