

Children's and Youth Work Committee Report

Submitted by Graham Purdye



*The good leave an inheritance to their **children's children**... Proverbs 13:22a*

Membership: 6 active members: Graham Purdye (Chair), Liz Sutton (Secretary). Thomas Hackett attends as staff responsible to this committee (see below). Representatives from Kearnsey Camp, Synod Youth Camp & Youth Executive

There is still a need to get more involvement from Local Areas on the committee.

Youth Assembly

Six young people from the synod attended the youth assembly on 27-29 January at Whitemoor Lakes, Staffordshire where the theme was 'Feasts and Festivals'.

Kearnsey Junior Church (Lighthouse) Camp

This takes place at Kearnsey from 22 to 29 July.

Info from www.crosslinksdover.org.uk/junior-church-camp

Southern Synod Youth Camp

This takes place from 5 to 12 August at Honeyhill Campsite, Bearsted.

Info from southernsynodyouthcamp@gmail.com

Interestingly at Youth Assembly 2016 a group of young people brought a resolution concerning residential camps run by synods for young people within the denomination. They felt that it would be beneficial if every synod ran a residential event. However, Youth Assembly concluded that research should be carried out to see what work is already taking place, why synods aren't already running camps, and if there is any support that can be given from an assembly level to enable more camps to run. Hopefully churches have replied to the questionnaire that came around.

SYNOD CYW Staffing:

The newly appointed Synod Children and Youth Development Officer, Thomas Hackett, is now getting to grips with the paperwork and is looking forward to getting to know groups in the Synod.

Synod Youth Executive (SYE)

The SYE held a 'Challenge Evening' that 8 young people attended in November. There are plans to bring it to other areas in the Synod in the next few months, so watch out for details.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

2017: 15th March

21st June

20th September

Venue: Lynwood Room, St John's URC, Orpington.