

Southern Synod Together Meeting

PAPER D Saturday 8 October 2016 10:30 am - 4:30 pm Christ Church (United Reformed Church), Tudor Way, Petts Wood, Kent BR5 1LH.

SYNOD CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORK COMMITTEE MATTERS REPORT TO SYNOD TOGETHER OCTOBER 2016

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). Cathy Glazier attends as staff responsible to this committee (see below). Representatives from Kearnsey Camp, Synod Youth Camp & Youth Executive. There is a need to get more involvement from Local Areas on the committee.

Southern Synod Youth Camp

The theme explored this year was 'E – quality'. It took place for 30 July to 6 August at Honeyhill Campsite, Bearsted. Camp Leader, Hannah Jones has not had a chance to give me her report as yet, but I understand that it was successful with a reasonable attendance. Roger Jones continued as Team Leader again this year.

Kearnsey Junior Camp 50th Anniversary

2016 session was held very successfully from 23-30 July for 8-17 year-olds.

Andy Russell, on behalf of the Core Leadership Team, reports that 57 children attended the full week, and 50 adults were involved. 79 guests attended on the Sunday to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the camp. (Please see separate report attached for full details)

SYNOD CYW Staffing

Unfortunately having been in post for just over 12 months our Synod Children and Youth Development Officer (CYDO), Cathy Glazier has recently resigned after much thought due to a need to alter her work/life balance and will finish at the end of October. Despite only being with the Synod for a short time She has assisted with many things including overseeing some outstanding issues with the Synod Camps that ran very successfully over the summer. We wish Cathy well in her future faith journey.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

2016: 19th October 2017: 11th January 2017: 15th March

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