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# UPDATE

January  
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2018

## New Years Houseparty – Complete Community

From the 30th December 2017 to the 2nd January 2018, a community spirit was felt in the house at each meal time, at each meeting and it only grew stronger. Throughout the few days of Houseparty 2017/2018 it was a residential like no other with a total of 54 beings roaming the buzzing halls of the lodge.

45 of us showed our best impressions of 'Bambi on Ice' on New Year's Eve when we all attempted to Ice Skate (I would just like to add that we successfully came out with NO injuries). We were blessed with 4 talks by 4 of our young people, all worthy of any church pulpit or Soul Survivor stage, each with a new challenge given for the hours, days and weeks to come, all truly inspiring and daring, including the dare to pray Psalm 51 so you can be free to pray Psalm 139. Wow.

As always the 4 teams battled it out in competition; Blue, Charlie, Delta, Echo (still no idea of what the names actually mean...), each grasping a more and more competitive energy as the Houseparty went on.

But as well as the effect of the ice skating, the competitiveness and the countless board games, it was a true pleasure to see young people truly seeking God in the meetings and particularly feeling his presence in 'Holy Space' on the last evening. Houseparty was a true success in terms of building community and encouragement among the many young people and it was a joy and privilege to be a part of.



# Thanks...

- **Connections:** Through our new Core Roadshow ministry we are making new church connections and we pray that these will enable us to support and resource more youth and children's work. Pray as we plan for further Core Roadshow events in various places over the next year. After a great Core Roadshow in Luton in January we have our next one in March in Welwyn Garden City.
- **FUEL:** Fuel is amazing! We give thanks for young people choosing to come, choosing to be 'up for it', choosing to be open about their faith and choosing to seek God. We give thanks for Ben who spoke a powerful and challenging message at the Nov Fuel.
- **Breakfast:** This month we had breakfast at Christ Church Baptist where Beckah is the new youthworker. It was amazing and Beckah cooks bacon how Mike likes it so all is good! Also it was great to gather 15 leaders and hear how things are going
- **Trustees:** I love our trustees, they are amazing and are utterly supportive of the whole team. Thank you
- **New Years Houseparty:** EPIC! What a great time we had. 38 young people and 14 leaders. 4 worship gatherings, 3 young people preaching on 'audacious' characters from the Old Testament. A lot of food, even more laughter and some phenomenal relationships built and grown, both with God and one another.
- **Gifts:** Over the past few weeks we have received some wonderfully generous financial gifts. Thank you for these and please know we are going to use them wisely to grow some areas of ministry and energize others
- **Friends:** I continue to give thanks for our friendships with Youthscape, Younglife, STEP and the Diocese, without you all our ministry would be much harder and not as joyful. Thank you



New Years Houseparty:  
Food, Worship, Prayer!

## Please...

● **The Haven:** Claire and her team are continuing to run the monthly support group for teenagers struggling with anxiety and stress. Pray for these gatherings, particularly for more boys to take advantage of what The Haven offers.

● **Fuel:** This year in Fuel we are looking at some of the most powerful and challenging encounters Jesus had. We will be using Mark's Gospel. Pray for Phoebe as she prepares to speak at the January Fuel about the Centurion at the foot of the cross.

Pray for us as we gather together and that more youth groups and more young people can be blessed by this ministry. Pray for Katherine (our awesome intern) as she takes time to think about our 'welcome' at these events and including new people in what we do.

● **Core Roadshow:** In March we have our third Core Roadshow at Christ Church Baptist, Welwyn Garden City and we hope to bring a whole range of ideas, energy and encouragement for the leaders that come.

● **Retreat:** In February we are running a day retreat. These times are so important as sometimes leaders can feel isolated and drained. Pray for our time together and that it will be a real blessing to everyone that comes

● **Fundraising:** Please pray for our upcoming Wine Tasting Evening. For the past 2 years this has been a real highlight of our fundraising events. It has also been a huge blessing and the donations received have enabled us to be able to grow much of what we do

● **Xsite:** Pray for Xsite in Harpenden at the end of January but also for the team from St Albans who are gathering this month to see about bringing Xsite to 2nd venue in the St Albans area

● **Mikes trip:** At the beginning of February Mike is visiting 3 youth organizations and 2 churches in Atlanta and North Carolina in the US. He is spending time listening and hearing stories from how youth & children's ministry is done in some different places and spaces. Pray for Mike as he also listens to God and how this trip and what he learns can further the work of 267 and support local churches in an even greater way. Pray also for safety as he travels and also for all needs to be met! Pray for Kirstie and Zach while Mike is away and also for the rest of the 267 team

### Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:

'Yet if you devote your heart to him and stretch out your hands to him, if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent, then, free of fault, you will lift up your face; you will stand firm and without fear. You will surely forget your trouble, recalling it only as waters gone by. Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning. You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favour. *Job 11:13-19*



# Diary

## Some important dates to pray for this term...

● Saturday 20th January – Vineyard Revolutuion Day Youth Event

● Wednesday 24th January – Prayer for Youth Gathering at Youthscape, 12pm-2pm

● Saturday 27th January – Xsite Harpenden

● Sunday 28th January – Fuel at Christ Church, St Albans, 7pm-9pm

● Tuesday 30th January – Cathedral Event 2018 planning

● Tuesday 30th January – Youthscape Volunteer Training, 7.30pm-9.00pm

● Wednesday 31st January – Mike off to Atlanta to spend time listening to 4 youthwork organizations

● Wednesday 7th February – 267 Breakfast at Forest Town Church, 9.30am-11.00am

● Wednesday 14th February – Mike back from the USA

● Monday 19th February – 267 Trustees meet

● **Saturday 24th February – Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Forest Town Church**

● Sunday 25th February – Fuel at High St Methodist Church Harpenden, 7pm-9pm

● Monday 26th February – Retreat Day for youth and children's leaders

● Tuesday 27th February – Planning Team for 7-10's Weekend

● Tuesday 27th February - Youthscape Volunteer Training, 7.30pm-9.00pm

● Saturday 3rd March – Core Roadshow at Christ Church Baptist, Welwyn Garden City

● Wednesday 7th March – 267 Breakfast (venue tbc)

## *Some other important dates for this term...*

● 16th – 18th March – Weekend Away for years 3, 4 & 5 at Phasels Wood

● 4th – 6th May – Weekend Away for years 6, 7 & 8 at The Academy St Albans

● Saturday 19th May – Love Harpenden

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