

# YOUTH WORKER REPORT APCM – 27 APRIL 2025

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR REGULAR EVENTS

### SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH:

*Usually 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during Communion services.*

- We strive to follow the teaching content from the main services to maintain continuity.
- **Highlight** – we have enjoyed creative approaches to engaging with imagery from the Old Testament (Ezekiel, Joseph, David).

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH:

*Sunday evenings during term time.*

- This remains the powerhouse of our regular youth events.
- We have welcomed regular new members
- **Highlight** – we have enjoyed utilising a mix of premade resources by the Church of England, along with much homegrown material.

### MUGA MONDAYS:

*Monday evenings for an hour at the village sports court. An opportunity for young people to meet, play sports together, get some exercise and link with our Youth Work Team.*

- **Highlight** – we have maintained many regular attendees, and welcomed new ones.

### NEWS FROM THE YOUTH WORKER:

- My process of discernment towards ordination in the Church of England advances. The likely timing of this, if successful, would be to begin training in September 2026. This training would be part-time and won't affect this role directly.
- It was great to have my booklet *Supporting Young People to Flourish: Seeking Shalom* published by Grove Books this year. I look forward to developing this further into a practical resources for youth workers.

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

### LINKS WITH OTHER CHURCHES:

- We have continued our ongoing link with Christ Church, Abingdon, joining together for a weekend residential at Youlbury in February. The logistics of joining with these events have proven difficult this year and we are looking at other ways of joining with local church youth groups in the future.

### FRIDAY CLUB:

- The Youth Worker has continued to regularly attend Friday Club, not only to build relationship with young people approaching secondary transition, but also with the wide array of young leaders, some of whom have joined Sunday Night Youth sessions.

### YOUTH BAND:

- Our Youth Band has continued to gather momentum, and we look forward to this continuing. Particular thanks to Martin Poon for all his hard work in drawing the band together and coordinating efforts.

### VOLUNTEERS:

- It has been our pleasure to begin to welcome new faces to our regular Sunday Night Youth team (Ruth Atkins) and to have some 'visitors' as well.
- As a team we attended the National Youth Ministry Weekend in Birmingham in November 2024. This was a great time of refreshment, equipping and encouragement.

### BIG CHURCH WEEKEND:

- As a first, we are drawing together our youth, who wish to, to attend this weekend of music and worship this summer.