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Mission Statement

Working with young people to help them realise that God loves each one of them.

A note from Andy

“When you see Daniel, remind him to bring Colin with him next time.” This is one of the comments I regularly get from my daughters, following a mini mix at their school. Now this may not be the best way to remember the visits of Daniel and VYM, but he certainly sticks in their minds!

They also remember the songs he sings, what he talks about and they definitely look forward to seeing him again and hearing what he has to say.

Importantly, they love his visits and get a really good message whenever he comes to their school. Some might ask whether this is important and I would say to them that although my children understand about the love God gives, not all children are so lucky.

As a teacher in a local secondary school, I get children recognising Daniel when he visits and remembering what he said in their assemblies at primary school. This can be several years after they have seen a mini mix but they still recall, with fondness, the assemblies and fun they had with Daniel.

This means that for some young children, VYM is offering what may be their only first-hand experience of people talking about their religion in a memorable and meaningful way.

Daniel spreads the message of God’s love across the whole area in this way and even though he may not always take Colin with him, the lives of the children in the schools he visits would be poorer if his work were to have to come to an end at any time.

Please read the Treasurer’s report in this edition and act on it if you can!

Andy Smith (Trustee)

Carol singing – a date for your diary

Thursday, 16th December will see us at Boots at the Peel Centre (the bottom of Babylon Hill) singing carols between 6pm and 7pm. We will also be collecting for VYM.

This will be our third year having been asked by the Manager to come back yet again! Come and join us - all you need is your voice! Enjoy yourself by getting into the Christmas spirit whilst helping VYM raise funds.

Treasurer's Report

Since its conception, Vine Youth Ministry has relied on voluntary donations and fund raising, together with a two year grant from the Sherborne & Yeovil Methodist circuit, which now comes to an end.

We can survive until Christmas but unless grants are forthcoming cannot continue after that. VYM has applied to town and district councils, Rank Foundation (grant giving charitable trust), The Church and Community Fund (Anglican charity) and many other smaller charities to no avail. We have also written to churches of all denominations in the area but only one Anglican church has sent a donation.

The schools where Daniel takes assemblies have also been approached and currently six have given a donation but the others have not replied to our letter. As treasurer, this paints a very bleak picture, yet the work Daniel does is essential.

One way in which you can help is by becoming a regular donor to VYM. Applying for Grants is ongoing but can, as you can see, be very uncertain. If you feel that you would like to support our work you can do so by committing yourself to a regular donation through a standing order with your bank. A regular commitment to £2.00 or more (£5 would be nice!) could, if enough of us do it, provide security for this work for the future. Want to help? Then please give us a ring and we'll help you to set it up.

How can our generation of young people who have no church connection know about the love of God unless we tell them? (Read Romans 10 vs 14-15).

Kathryn England (Treasurer)

Notice of AGM

The 2010 Vine Youth Ministry AGM will be held on Monday, 29th November at St Marks Methodist Church, Chelston Avenue, Yeovil. The AGM will start at 8pm sharp.

For more information or for VYM to visit your school please visit our website or call us.

The Mini Mix – On Tour

All Saints VA Primary School, Montacute
Birchfield Community Primary School, Yeovil
Castle Primary School, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon
Chilthorne Domer Church School
Haselbury Plucknett C of E First School
Milford Junior School, Yeovil
Norton-Sub-Hamdon C of E Primary School
Preston C of E VC Primary School, Yeovil
Preston Road Methodist After School Club
Reckleford Community Infant School, Yeovil
SPLAT - Bible Christian Centre, Haselbury Plucknett
St. Andrews C of E VC Primary School, Yetminster
Thornford C of E VA Primary School
Trent Young's Endowed C of E VA Primary School
West Chinnock C of E Primary School

VYM also visits

Birchfield Community Primary School, Yeovil
Bucklers Mead Community School, Yeovil
Cheeky Church - Yeovil Community Church
Fairmead School, Yeovil
SPLAT - Bible Christian Centre, Haselbury Plucknett
Sunbeams Toddler Group, St Mark's Methodist Church, Yeovil

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Further support has now been confirmed by the Methodist church with the stipulation that they wish to see matched funding from elsewhere. Whilst the threat of imminent closure is removed we still need your support.

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