

YOUTH update

What's been going on... What's coming up

SMY

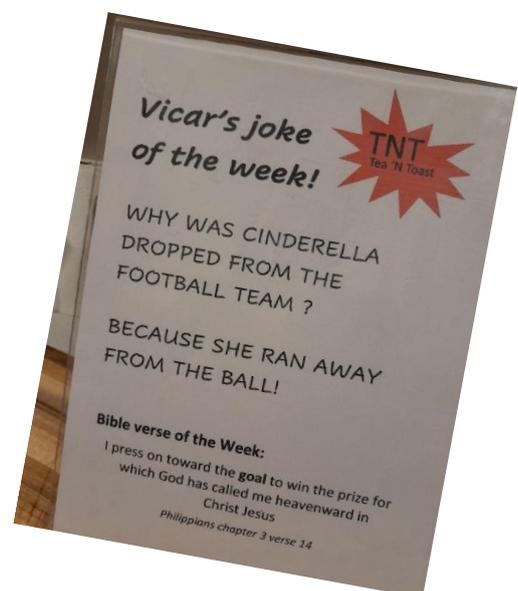
TNT

ROOTS

WEEKEND AWAY

There's lots that's been happening and lots more to come for our young people. There is still, a wonderful small group which gathers on Sunday morning for church at the Vineyard from 11am-12pm that is **SMY – Sunday Morning Youth**, and it's been brilliant since September to let them lead and see their own expression of Church develop. Their chosen focus, or big question, intended for the first half of the term September – end of October but which has rolled into the rest of this year, was "What is Heaven like?" *Yes, they chose the topic!* Over late breakfast snacks through conversation together, looking at Bible passages, movie images & stories, and music, they've produced an excellent picture collage or 'graffiti' sheet to express their thoughts on Heaven. Sunday 4th December will be the final gathering this year before SMY returns on 8th January and I'm really looking forward to seeing what happens in the new year with this, their Church! Do spread the word and encourage others to come, it's great for those this age to come together and encourage each other in faith.

Talking of coming together, TNT – Tea 'N Toast, the after school secondary school drop-in is an incredible space for those from Year 7 up to, and including Sixth Form, to get together. This is a safe space for them to come every Friday after school to be with friends and spend time after the week's many pressures being served with plenty of toast and mostly hot chocolate, although tea and other drinks are on offer. This is with no pressure or expectation, and free, as our act of service and Christian witness. They often say how 'TNT is the highlight of the week' and it is mine too with so many great conversations and relationships forming, and to see so many on the main road walk home, often around 90 young people each week from the area's schools of Glossopdale, St Philip Howard, and even Longdendale mixing together, chatting, playing games, and some making use of the Prayer Sheets to write prayers for themselves, or family is amazing. I love it so much that I've recently introduced a 'Vicar's Joke of the Week' – see picture as an example 😊 A reminder to all parents & carers TNT takes place at Holy Trinity Church, Dinting Vale Glossop SK13 6NX from 3pm-4.30pm during term time.





We've extended the age group to all secondary school aged now and pleased to see some new faces this term with a number of those attending TNT trying out ROOTS. This is the only regular, free **Youth Club** in the area and over the past term there's been some great fun including creating our own edible Firework Candles on Bonfire Weekend and keeping up the tradition of 'Stir-Up Sunday' we had a cooking activity where everyone made their own Pizza's. See the pictures below.

On Sunday 4th December it's Christmas Film evening with Popcorn and the last ROOTS of the term will be Sunday 11th with Christmas Party and Film Review with associated snacks & party food! This still remains at present a small group but I hope you can spread the word as there are so many young people across Glossopdale who'd benefit. Anyone aged 11 upwards can attend, it's free, and a typical evening starts with games and tuck shop available before active games and/or the evening themed activity ending with a ten-minute chill zone – a time to reflect and recharge mentally as well as physically before the week ahead with a Bible verse to help and closing prayer.



ROOTS Youth Group takes place Sunday's in term time 7pm-8.30pm at The Vineyard building, Charlestown Road, Glossop SK13 8JN.

Finally, following the great youth **weekend away** in October another weekend is being organised to bring everyone (and hopefully some new) together earlier on in 2023 ahead of exams. Again, this is being organised by our good friends at Eyam and team with plenty of games, food, activity, space for God, and of course the bonfire! Details to follow in the new year.

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