

Help, your Parish needs you!

I hope that, like me and many others, you feel that the church is an important part of our village.

I hope that, like me, you feel it is vital to support and encourage our young people to grow into responsible adults who love life and respect themselves, other people, and the environment.

After a gap of a year and a half, we have reopened our youth club. We now meet in Findon Village Hall instead of the Rectory, currently on Thursdays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm in termtime.

The club is open to all young people (whether they live in the village or not) between the ages of 11 and 16+.

There is no requirement that they, or their family, attend church, but the club is subsidised by the church council, as part of our outreach into the community.

There is no overtly religious teaching – the aim is for the young people to ‘own’ the space and use it to have fun together in a safe environment, whilst hopefully also learning something about the wonderful place we live in here in the South Downs National Park and developing a greater sense of responsibility for caring for our surroundings.

A range of games are available for the young people to choose from, encouraging tolerance and teamwork, or they can just ‘hang out’ together and chat. Whilst electronic/social media is not banned, neither is it encouraged, since this is something they can enjoy at other times, at home! There is music to share, and a tuck shop to buy snacks and drinks from, although squash is provided free of charge. Adults are there to make sure everyone stays safe, but not to tell them what to do!

BUT we really need more help, especially if the Club is to grow and expand. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping out from September onwards, please contact me at the Rectory. If you know a young person who is at a loose end, tell them we are there! This is YOUR SPACE, young people of the area, and I look forward to sharing your vision for the future.

Blessings,

*Helena*