



Monthly Newsletter

markyate baptist church

July 2022

When students show up.

At Step (The Christian Charity working in Schools) our constant hope and prayer is to build a bridge from the schools to our churches over which young people feel safe, loved and curious about God enough to travel.

So what happens when young people suddenly decide to come to your church? This happened recently and it took me by surprise! Should it?

Two eleven-year-old young people who I'd just met at our Tuesday Step Up Day in our local Markyate Village school came along to our Sunday morning service at church. Prior to Tuesday I had never seen these boys before and wouldn't have known their names.

One of their peers noticed them showing an interest in some of the Bible content in one of our lessons and told them a bit more about our Church and the children's activities we sometimes have,

their eyes lit up with glee and the end result was they wanted to come and be at Church for themselves, they didn't wait for a parent to bring them.

I'm suddenly aware of some of our habits at church, the language we use, the songs we sing, and I can't help wondering how alien this could be to a fresh-faced youngster with no previous religious background. Questions like "will other people also make them feel welcome?" Dance across my mind. Or "Are our Sunday morning activities for children enticing and interesting enough?"

Will they come back again? At the point of writing this I cannot give an answer, but I am hopeful they will. Please join me in praying that wherever they find themselves to be spiritually, that Jesus will be revealed to them and that we as a church will be welcoming, nurturing and homely.

God bless,

Jeremy Bottrill

Deacon

Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community

What's On—July 2022

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Sunday 3rd

10.30am Communion Service
with Rose Kemp from Open doors

Friday 8th

10am-11.30am Jack & Jills
See Ruth Kieran for more info.

Saturday 9th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

10am-12pm WLTD0

Contact Alan Poole for more info

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning

With Les Ebdon

Friday 15th

10-12pm MBC Cafe

All welcome.

Saturday 16th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service

with Alex Davie

Thursday 21st – Saturday 23rd

July H@H

Holiday @ Home

Contact Alan Poole for more info



Saturday 23rd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 24th

10.30am Morning Service

Jo White – Children & family service

Sunday 31st

10.30am Morning Service

with Andy Godfrey

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