

AGM Report 2010

AYF is our teenage group from Aldridge Parish Church and over the past five years Matt Wallace has been our Youth Coordinator and has completed these reports for the AGM. We've been so blessed by God having Matt and Gemma Wallace with us for this last period of time and it was a mixture of joy and sadness that we said goodbye when they left us after our annual camp 2009 so that Matt could start his studies at Bristol Theological College as an ordinand in the Church of England.



Thanks to the strength of a great and committed Leadership Team, (Rob & Annette Cook; Trevor Francis; Katie Appleby; Matt & Becki Emery, Chris Blunt and Josh Blunt) and a very committed group of teenagers, we are happy to report that AYF is alive and well and doing OK!

In October 2009 we lost 20 of our group to different universities throughout the country and we miss them terribly! Numbers at YF though have held up so this is very encouraging. At the time of writing this report we are expecting the new year 8 teenagers to answer invitations to join us for the first time at YF shortly.

Our annual canvas camp in July was very special with 130 of us camping on the Gower again where the weather was very mixed but we managed to stay the course and didn't have to come home early! This camp was tinged with sadness though as we officially said our farewells to Matt & Gemma.

In February 2010 we took the group to Cloverley Hall once again with numbers similar to 2009 (100) Gavin Burnage was our weekend speaker and he did a great job as he unwrapped Biblical teaching on where we stand with God as His chosen people, our self worth, and our value to and in HIM. We learnt about ourselves and the immense love that God has for us, and the desire He has for all of us to get the very best from life. Brilliant!



Our Sunday squashes after church are still well attended and it's the time of the week where more direct Christian teaching can be given to our teenagers.

Another positive aspect from our group is the number still helping out at our creche and children's groups on a Sunday. We have also been involved twice in supermarket bag packing to help raise money for Betel.

These are just some of the activities YF have been up to over the past year. Please can we ask you to pray for us as the search goes on for a new youth coordinator. We've interviewed three recently but none were considered right for this vital role in YF so the search goes prayerfully on.

Thank you so much for all the love and support you show to us.

Rob Cook

Youth Pastor