

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



Greenwich
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**



WEEKLY PLANNER

MONDAY

St Michael's Bible study
7:00 – 8:30pm
St Michael's Blackheath

TUESDAY

Jay's Youth Club
3:30–5:00pm
St James Kidbrooke

Vertical Youth Club
6:00–7:30pm

Blackheath Charlton Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY

Lunch Time Drop-In
12:00–1:45pm
Hope Centre Mentoring
2:00pm–2:45pm
St Mary Magdalene Greenwich

Youth Club

5:30–7pm
St John's Plumstead

Kick Academy

7:30–8:30
St Mary Magdalene Greenwich

FRIDAY

Tramshed Youth Drop-In
3:30–5:30pm
Tramshed Bible Club
6:30–8:30pm
Tramshed Woolwich

Emmanuel: God With Us

There's nothing quite like settling down to watch a good film during the Christmas season. Recently, I rewatched the classic Home Alone—the highest-grossing Christmas film for nearly 30 years. As I reflected on its success, beyond the great comedy, one thing stood out: how powerfully it captures the universal feeling of being alone. When that feeling is experienced as a child, it can be especially painful.

For many of us, Christmas is a time when loneliness feels distant, as we spend time surrounded by family and loved ones. However, for some of the young people we work with, it can be the opposite. The season can highlight feelings of isolation. Even when they are not physically alone, they may feel alone in their circumstances—dreading conversations about presents or questions about what they'll be doing over Christmas.

It is such a blessing, especially in the build-up to Christmas, to be able to offer safe and welcoming spaces where young people are valued simply for who they are and can grow in confidence. But more than that, we get to share the hope we have—that they never have to face life alone. We believe in a God who is not distant or far away, but One who loved us so much that He stepped into our world to be with us—then, now, and forever.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel (which means 'God with us')."

Matthew 1:23

Alan





NEW YEAR BASH

WORSHIP BAND FOOD PARTY PLAYLIST

FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL AGED YOUNG PEOPLE
SATURDAY 17TH JAN '26 @ 6.30-8.30PM

LOCATION: ST JOHNS CHURCH, BLACKHEATH, SE3 7TH



It has been a wonderful and busy first season stepping into the role of Centre Director at Greenwich Youth for Christ. I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome I've received and for the continued partnership of churches and individuals, who have faithfully invested in the spiritual lives of young people in our borough for over 30 years.

Over the past few months, I've spent time getting to know our groups, volunteers, schools, and partnering churches. It has been a joy to take part in various summer camps and holiday clubs. It's been so encouraging to see how God is already at work among the young people we serve and to witness the seeds being sown that will deepen their faith in the years ahead.

One young person in particular who attends **Jay's Drop-In** has recently come to know Christ, and it has been incredible to witness his transformation — from a quiet, withdrawn child into a confident and joyful young man, boldly sharing his faith with friends and family, even in the midst of teasing and questions.

Serving Where God Is Moving

Our partnerships across Greenwich continue to grow. We have recently begun a partnership leading Trinity Vineyard's Friday drop-in sessions and Bible study at Tramshed. This group is already well placed in the heart of Woolwich, and even more so now with the opening of the new Woolwich Waves leisure centre directly next door this month. Through all of these new and existing relationships, our heart remains the same: to be present wherever young people are, to bring hope, and to keep pointing them toward Jesus.



Tramshed Woolwich

Please Pray with us:

- Give thanks for the stability God has given GYFC through this transition.
- For wisdom and favour as we grow our school and church partnerships
- For God's provision and presence in our upcoming events, including **The Gathering with St John's on 17th January**.
- For more volunteers as group numbers increase.
- For continued unity among the churches working with young people.
- For young people to encounter Jesus in a fresh and powerful way.

MONTHLY

PRAYER

Join us to pray for the work of GYFC and the needs of young people locally.
First Tuesday of the month from 10am -11am

St James Church Hall Giddings Room

Feb 3rd May 5th
Mar 3rd Jun 2nd
Apr 14th

