



Youth Church



Time with the Young and our time together during the service focussed on Christmas in December. We wrote prayers for the Christmas tree – cards one week and a paper chain the next – which was a special way to anticipate the Christmas Celebration. Santa seemed to have a message out, saying he was checking whether people had been to Church before Christmas, and we had very good attendance on the Sundays leading up to Christmas Day.

In January we had a meeting of representatives of all church-wide youth organisations together at the Manse – Crèche, Kidzone, Powerhouse, Messy Church, The Grid, Baby Group, Storyclub, Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade. Jerome is excited that there is such a wonderful group of talented folk who are looking into ways of making church relevant and interesting to our young people, and all the leaders are looking forward to this term with much enthusiasm!

Kidzone/Powerhouse will continue to meet during the 11am Sunday service on all school term Sundays except Messy Church (third Sunday). After 'Time with the Young' we will go to the back for juice and biscuits, games, activities and craft work, which will look towards the next Messy Church. The Theme for January and February is 'Prayer', and we will be focussing on the Lord's Prayer on Sunday mornings.



Kidzone is for those in Nursery up to P6 who spend time with Lynda and Tracey. Doug is leading those from P7 to S6 at Powerhouse/Inspire.

Tracey



This remains a popular activity for the young folk in Polmont on the second and fourth Sundays from 6pm to 9pm in the Church Hall. Some vigorous game (chairball or dodgeball) is followed by a hot snack and a movie (usually voted on from a shortlist approved by Jerome). After the film we usually squeeze in a short discussion before a rematch game until the parents arrive... The films we have seen since the last edition of Twinspire are:


“Signs” which stars Mel Gibson in a science fiction movie about a Minister who has lost his wife in a car accident and subsequently lost his faith, and how he and his family deal with an alien invasion. This film was screened at The Grid a number of years ago and, thanks to one scene which used clever suspense techniques, had given *Signs* the reputation of being ‘too scary’, so it took a bit of persuading to get certain people to agree to watch it – and most of them were very glad they did! The film led to a good discussion on Faith versus Fate, and finding God’s plan for our lives - including why He lets bad things happen to good people.

The 11th December was our last meeting before Christmas and we chose **“The Grinch”** with Jim Carrey - to celebrate the Christmas season, and we discussed how we celebrate Christmas and what is important to us about the holiday.

We saw **“Johnny English”** - the spoof spy film with Rowan Atkinson - at our first Grid of 2012. Instead of breaking into our usual groups, we had a debate afterwards discussing whether events in our lives are random coincidences, or if things happen according to a plan – and if that plan is God’s plan for our lives...


All those at Senior School and those who will be in P7 in August are welcome to come along to The Grid. Phone Tracey or Jerome on 01324 718677 for more details or email us on polmontgrid@googlemail.com to be put on the mailing list.

Tracey



Please take away the pain deep inside my heart, help me to heal and guide me and my family through this trying, lonely time filled with sadness and loss.

Show me a sign that my Dad is well, at rest and is with you.....in heaven. Amen



We praise you for all the blessings you generously bestow on us your children.