#### **Online Resources**

All of the previous VYM online resources are still available on the website and also on YouTube although I am currently in the process of rebranding everything to reflect the new ministries name.



## 176,000 Views - 5,300 Watch Hours - 569 Subscribers

I'm still hoping to reach the target of 1000 subscribers, so if you haven't already done so, please 'Subscribe'. It doesn't cost anything but helps raise the profile of the channel, resulting in more viewers.

## **Christmas Videos**

There are several online videos that you may find useful as we head towards the festive season. These include songs, bible stories and complete assemblies.

To find them just visit YouTube and search for DanielEnglandMinistries



## **Receiving Future Newsletters**

To keep the amount of printing and postage to a minimum, please could you let me know if you are happy to receive future newsletters by email. I will continue to post printed copies to my regular supporters unless you tell me differently. My email address is: daniel@dem.org.uk

## **Financial Support**

If you'd like to support the ministry financially by either a one off payment or by becoming a regular supporter then please send me an email. I can then send you a copy of my constitution which outlines how the funds will be used, and also give you the bank account details. daniel@dem.org.uk

## Can I Help?

Please let me know if you think I may be able to help in your school, community group or church and I'd be happy to discuss this with you. daniel@dem.org.uk

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#### The Mini Mix - 'It's Good To Talk' - Collective Worship

During this half terms assemblies I've been asking the young people who they would talk to if they were worried about something. Teasing out the importance of talking to a trusted adult, like their teachers or teaching assistants, and reminding them that keeping worries or concerns to themself isn't healthy. We've then been thinking about who else they can talk to about absolutely anything; somebody who is always ready to listen, any time, any place, any where. Needless to say they always come up with the correct answer.

I've then asked them if they know how to talk to Father God and what we call it when we do; asking for a show of hands of those who think they know how to pray, and those who aren't sure. This is where Larry the Lettuce and his sandwich comes in (on the front cover). We've then had a great discussion sharing our favourite sandwiches! And if you know how to make a sandwich then you know how to pray!

I've then used the illustration of a 'Prayer Sandwich' to help the young people understand that prayer doesn't have to follow 'rules' but how using a simple structure can make prayer easier, until it's just like a conversation with a special friend. Encouraging the young people to talk to Father God and reminding them that God always listens to our prayers and will always respond, but not necessarily in the way we expect! We don't always get what we want, but Father God always knows what we need. Songs have included 'Jesus Really Loves Me' & It's Me O Lord'

#### Academic Year 2024 / 2025

#### 21 Schools - 144 Assemblies - Over 3,500 Young People

#### Stalbridge Youth Club - Congregational Church

Our August meeting was a great time of sharing our holiday stories and catching up with friends before the start of the new term. Many of the young people were transitioning from Primary to Secondary school, and some shared their excitement, while others felt able to share their apprehension at the thought of new beginnings.

We talked about prayer sandwiches and a couple of the young people did a great job of acting out an impromptu drama based on the Lord's Prayer. We shared BBQ food to celebrate Summer together.

September was very busy with 26 young people which included lots of new faces. We looked at the Fruits of the Spirit verses from Galatians 5 and did an activity which helped them to remember each of the Fruits of the Spirit by using fruits.

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers and need to encourage more helpers to join us as we continue to see this group thrive. If you'd like to get involved then please let me know. We meet again on 22nd October for more fun and fellowship.

#### **Preaching and Speaking Engagements**

Amanda and I led worship at Holy Trinity in Yeovil on 4th August and have been invited to lead again on 3rd November. We led breakfast church at Stalbridge Congregational on 11th August, a normal Sunday service on 15th September and are due to led breakfast church again on 13th October and 10th November. I led a Harvest Festival service at Broad Oak on 9th September followed by a harvest produce auction which was great fun! I'm preaching at Broad Oak again on 24th November and 24th December and am also preaching at The Bible Christian Centre in Haselbury Plucknett on Sunday 17th November. The Methodist circuit plan has not yet been finalised so I will share those preaching dates in my next newsletter.

I was invited to speak about my ministry and lead a Harvest themed singalong at the Good Fellowship Club on 3rd October. They meet regularly at the Methodist Church in Yeovil and we had a great time singing some harvest hymns which were accompanied by my son Joseph on the piano.

#### Messy Church - Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil

August Messy Church had a 'Sport's Day' theme linked to the Olympics. We were blessed with fine weather and the children and families spent the morning in the wonderful outside space completing various sporty challenges. These included an obstacle course, Hook-a-duck, Tallest tower challenge, making edible medals and the very popular 'Soapy soak' which involved water pistols! After completing each challenge the children collected a letter, eventually spelling out the word 'Persevere'. We used the message from Hebrews 12:1-3 to talk about keeping going and asking God to help us in difficult times.

We look forward to our next Messy Church on 30th October, which will be 'Light' themed. We have lots of fun activities planned to encourage the children to 'Let their Light Shine' and to remind them that 'Jesus is the Light of the World'.

#### **School Governance**

Having had a couple of years off after being a Governor in 2 local schools previously, I'm delighted to have just started as a School Governor at Birchfield Community School in Yeovil. I look forward to supporting the school in this important role.

#### The Schools We Currently Visit:

 All Saints - Bishops Caundle, All Saints - Montacute, Ashlands - Crewkerne, Birchfield - Yeovil, Buckland Newton, Haselbury Plucknett, Hinton St George, Holy Trinity - Yeovil, Horsington, Norton-Sub-Hamdon, Sherborne Abbey, Sherborne Primary, Shaftesbury Abbey,
St Andrews - Yetminster, St Andrews - Weymouth, St Bartholomew's - Crewkerne, St Mary's -

Bradford Abbas, St Nicholas - Henstridge, Thornford, Trent Young's, West Chinnock,