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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

Online Resources

All of the previous VYM online resources are still available on the website and also on YouTube. I am currently in the process of rebranding everything to reflect the new ministries name although this is taking a little longer than anticipated.

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Academic Year 2024 / 2025

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

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2024

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

The theme this half term has been 'ROLE MODELS' and I've been asking the young people to explain what a role model is and what words they would use to describe the qualities of a role model. Talking about the importance of choosing their role models really carefully, so that the people they look up to and aspire to be like, are setting them the very best example. Asking the young people who their role models are and why they have chosen them. Finding out if they could guess who my role model is and if they knew what **WWJD** stood for.

Do you know what WWJD stands for?

Discussing why I believe that Jesus is the ultimate role model and is somebody that we can all choose to be like; and how I often ask myself 'What **W**ould **J**esus **D**o' if I'm unsure what decision to make or what direction to take in life.



Reading the bible story about Jesus calling his first disciples, and pointing out that the fishermen saw something really special in Jesus. So special in fact, that they dropped their nets and left everything behind to follow Him.

Songs have included Great Great Brill Brill, My Best Friend, The Leaning Song and Jesus Really Loves Me.

Stalbridge Youth Club - Congregational Church

October we used the theme of role models from collective worship. The young people gave some great examples of their varied role models, from sporting icons to pop stars. They then acted out a drama about the importance of setting a good example and being a good role model.

November we focussed on team work. The young people enjoyed a Euro hoc tournament which was very enthusiastic and extremely noisy! We carried on the theme into our worship time where they worked together to perform a drama 'Down through the roof'. This told the story of the paralysed man whose friends worked together to make sure he could meet with Jesus.

December was our final session for 2024 when we celebrated the end of term with Christmas biscuit decorating, retro party games and playing Christmas carols using 'Boom-whackers'. Great fun was had by all!



We desperately need more helpers as we continue to see this youth group thrive. If you'd like to help or want to chat about what is involved then please get in contact. The next session is on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 5:30pm.

Preaching and Speaking Engagements

This half term has been a whistle stop tour around Somerset and Dorset with preaching commitments most weeks. It has been a pleasure to share worship with the congregations of Holy Trinity in Yeovil, Stalbridge Congregational, Bible Christian Centre in Haselbury Plucknett and Cheap Street United Church in Sherborne where we began advent. We also had the pleasure of leading a Christingle service for the local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at Cheap Street and it was wonderful to see so many young people and adults eager to join in with this celebration of Jesus, light of the world. We look forward to sharing Christmas Eve with the fellowship at Broad Oak.

Next half term : 5th Jan @ Stalbridge Congregational, 12th Jan @ Yeovil Methodist Church (YMC), 26th Jan @ Broad Oak, 9th Feb @ YMC and 16th Feb @ Stalbridge.

Messy Church - Holy Trinity Church, Yeovil

October Messy Church focussed on the theme of 'Light in the darkness'. We had great fun with several 'light themed' crafts including lanterns, masks and glow in the dark beads. We also made playdough in lots of different colours, which was really messy! We then enjoyed a 'light party' with disco lights, music and lots of dancing, and even a doughnut eating contest.

December Messy Church had a Christmas theme, with lots of nativity themed crafts. The firm favourite was the Christmas tree edible craft which involved an ice cream cone, lots of green icing and sweets as decorations.

The next Messy Church will be on Wednesday 19th February at 10am.

School Governance

I'm very much enjoying being part of the team of Governors at Birchfield and being able to play a small part in supporting the teachers and staff as they continue to shape young peoples lives. I had the pleasure of accompanying KS1 to the panto at Westlands and also led the Carol Concert at St Michaels Church.

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