



JANUARY 2020

Week 1. 1st - 5th

Wed - Fri: Office/Annual leave

Week 2. 6th - 12th

Mon - Fri: Staff Conference

Sun: St James', Stretham

Week 3. 13th - 19th

Mon: EC Chaplaincy;

Tues: SVC lunch club;

Weds: MC lunch club; St. P&E Drop- in

Thurs: Office

Fri : FUSE cafe

Week 4. 20th - 26th

Mon: EC Chaplaincy;

Tues: SVC lunch club;

Weds: MC lunch club; St. P&E Drop-in

Thurs: Office;

Fri: Office;

Sat: Burns Night (see poster)

Week 4. 27th - 31st

Mon: EC Chaplaincy;

Tues: SVC lunch club;

Wed: MC lunch club; St. P&E Drop-in;

Thurs: Office

Fri: Office

BVC - Bottisham Village College
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Newmarket & District
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

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Prayer Diary

December 2019/January 2020



**“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and
streams in the wasteland.**

**PRAISE =
THANKING GOD FOR
WHAT HE HAS DONE.**

Praise God for:

For all our Volunteers,
Exec & Referral members
and workers who help our
Centre run effectively and smoothly and a God who
'speaks' when we seek His plan for the future!

George and all the excellent work that he has
done in our schools work and youth work and
how that has impacted young peoples lives!

The amazing Identity lessons that we had in
Newmarket Academy, with some really great
opportunities to share how God has impacted
our lives.

The 6 Churches represented on our PULSE
planning group, and the hard work they are doing
To deliver PULSE 2020 in Feb (see the PULSE page)



Pray for:

PULSE schools week
24th to 27th Feb with a Youth
Gig evening on 27th with
follow up groups in March.

For the new part time staff members, Alison Earl
and Kim Young who start in Jan, that they will feel
at home in our team and that we'll 'gel' quickly.

For Fuse Cafe in Red Lodge, that the youngsters
Will become friends and engage with the new
opportunity to explore 'faith' as part of the evening.

George will be blessed in his role at The Ark Church!



*Not a Youth for Christ event but
one we wholehearted support.*



**Check out our new
Website!**

Created by Amanda,
you can view the
Prayer Diary,
see Events, Support Us
and much more!

Click on the word Menu
to see different
page options.

www.newmarket.yfc.co.uk/

ALIVE 2020



WAVELENGTH

13TH MARCH – 15TH MARCH



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HORSTEAD CENTRE

Early Bird - £69 for your first child , £50 for each additional sibling
From 1st February - £79 for first child, £60 for each additional sibling



on a school

This month our school
is
Botlisham
Village College

Each month we would like to highlight the prayer for one school in our area.
If you would like to partner with us in this, please keep these specific issues in your prayers.

- Pray for a relaxed Christmas Break for students and staff.
- Please pray for year 11 students as they prepare for mock exams in January,
- Pray for the Assemblies, that the team will be doing, over the Spring Term.
- Please pray for the lessons we will book in the Spring

Christmas Cafe & Swap shop

Sat 7th December 10am - 12pm

The Ark Church

101 Beck Road, Isleham CB7 5QP

Eat, drink and browse, at no charge.

All welcome - all ages - craft activities

-Live music - play area

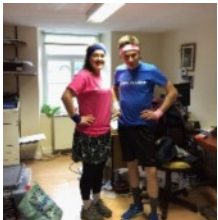
Donations, if desired, to Newmarket YFC





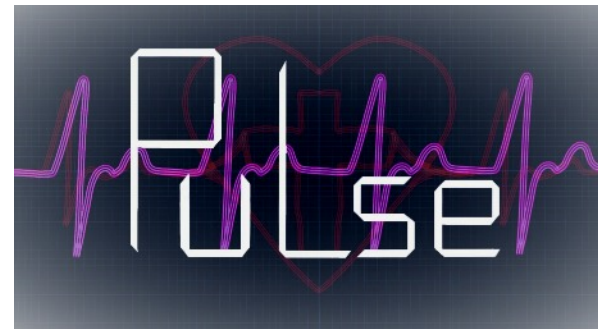
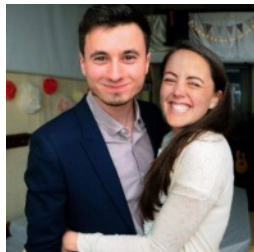
After just over 6 years, it's hard to believe this will be my last Prayer Diary update! I have loved my time here working with Youth For Christ. It's been fulfilling, stretching, encouraging and a lot of fun. I've had the privilege of working with some amazing people with a passion for both Jesus and young people. I was 18 when I began working for Youth For Christ, I had just finished my 2 years of catering studies at West Suffolk college, and although I enjoyed catering, I knew that God was calling me into ministry but I didn't know what it looked like. A job came up here at Newmarket YFC and I'm incredibly grateful to Jerry & the exec

for giving me the opportunity to begin as a trainee schools & youth worker. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our faithful supporters, it's so encouraging to know there are people praying over your work and are so for you and what you're doing. I feel this amazing organisation has had a massive part to play in who I am today, I have grown as a person in so many ways, the biggest of all is having confidence when public speaking (which I'm still working on). When I first started, the thought of taking part of a school assembly was terrifying, but now I'm taking assemblies on my own (still terrifying) and helping Hannah & Amanda with assemblies too. I'm amazed sometimes at the opportunities we have as a centre to talk about how God has moved in our lives and to share that with the young people is a huge privilege which I know at times I take for granted. I remember in my first couple of years, doing year 11 assemblies which was probably one of the most intimidating things for me, as they were only a couple of years younger than me. One morning I was doing an assembly in Soham for year 11 on 'Our influences and how do we influence the people around us', and a student approached me afterwards to say 'Thank you for the assembly, that was really good'. Knowing that it took courage for him to come and say that to me, when it probably wasn't seen as very cool to his peers, I knew something was said in that assembly that stirred his heart. For me, it was significant and truly believe God was moving in that young person's life, I was so encouraged!



I will also never forget our residential weekends away at 'Letton Loose', and then in later years, 'Alive' at Burwell House. Journeying with the young people over the course of a weekend is a real privilege and to be a part of it is awesome. Beating Lizzie in all the George Vs Lizzie challenges will always be a great memory. Climbing the 3 peaks together as last year's fundraiser, is also up there with one of the funniest, strangest and most difficult experiences of my life, but was a joy to it with good friends.

Moving forward, I feel like Jess and I are entering a new season. Of course, with myself going full time with The Ark Church, but we will also be moving to a new house ourselves soon hopefully! My last day will be a sad end of an era, mixed with an exciting future to look forward to! It's exciting for the centre to think of who will step in and bring new things to the table! For Newmarket Youth For Christ, my prayer would be, 'Lord would you grow the ministry of Newmarket Youth For Christ. Would you do more then you've ever done before. Lord, open up more doors, more connections and more opportunities to talk about you with young people across our area.'



We are excited to tell you about how with other Church partners from Feb 24th to 27th, we will hold our first schools week at Newmarket Academy. A Gig on the evening

of the 27th and holding Follow up groups during March.

This will be a 5 to 7 year plan seeing all our schools.

Goals: A) See as many youngsters in school as possible. B) Hold a Gig open to all youngsters across our area with a clear gospel message. C) Hold Follow up groups in the following month.

We have booked the Youth for Christ band The Sense who's leaders Joy & Andy have

worked with bands in schools over the past 20 years.

At present we have 9 Churches on board with the project. Over the coming weeks

you may soon hear more about this project at your Church with much more info of how you could join us on the Journey?! Together will need to raise £4,500 each year to make this happen, as well as have people, **Praying, Hosting, Helping** at the **Gig** and **Follow Up** Groups. If you would like to find out a bit more about the band follow this link (<https://yfc.co.uk/thesense/>) we will also have a page on our Website going live in Jan.



**Feb 24th
to 27th
2020**



SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY
NEWMARKET CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL

Burns Night

In support of



Newmarket & District
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**



£15 per ticket

7pm - 10pm, includes entertainment and
Traditional Burns Supper
Soft drinks available, bring your own alcohol.

**TO BOOK: 01638 720707 or
NEWMARKETYFC@GMAIL.COM**



DECEMBER

Week 1. 2nd - 8th

Mon: SVC Assembly; SVC lesson; NA lesson; EC Chaplaincy
Tues: SVC Assembly; SVC 3 lessons; SVC lunch club
Wed: SVC Assembly; SVC 2 lessons; MA lunch club; NA lesson;
St. P&E Drop-in
Thurs: SVC Assembly;
Fri: SVC Assembly;

Week 2. 9th - 15th

Mon: EC Chaplaincy; NA lesson
Tues: EC Assembly; SVC lunch club; SVC lesson; EXEC at office
Weds: EC Assembly; SVC 3 lessons; NA lesson; Drop-in St. P&E;
Haddenham Xchange;
Thurs: EC Assembly; NA lesson;
Fri: EC Assembly; NA lesson; FUSE cafe

Week 3. 16th - 22nd

Mon: EC Chaplaincy;
Tues: Staff retreat day
Weds: Staff Christmas meal
Thurs: Office
Fri: Office

Week 4. 23rd - 31st

Office/Staff annual leave

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Hi all,
I've been really enjoying my time so far with youth for Christ, I've been helping at a youth group called Buzz at Soham Baptist church on a Friday night, been loving hanging out with those kids. I have also very recently been at my second hub training, and loved seeing all the other 'year outs' again!

I ask that you pray for all of us as we each work in our placements as well as the leaders. I've settled into Newmarket youth for Christ and got the gist of things, just about, thanks for all your prayers and support. *Joe*



2019 really has come and gone in the blink of an 'Artistic eye' ! December finds my house full, with friends and family coming to spend the holidays with us! In the office, we have Christmas lessons and assemblies, our retreat day, our Christmas meal, and George's

last few days with us! I'm so looking forward to where the Lord guides our team in 2020, especially with our new team! Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year. Later Skaterz! *Amanda*



Hi Folks, I really enjoyed the Identity lessons at Newmarket, the youngsters really engaged and we had great opportunities to share God moving in our lives. How who God says we are in Him shapes our identity, self worth and hope for the future. Fuse Cafe has now moved to Red Lodge and this month and we have added an opportunity for youngsters to explore faith, we had 10 who engaged with this, please pray for the unchurched YP's who were part of this over this Christmas time!

I am excited with what God has planned for us in 2020 and would value your prayers in the coming months. Thank You for all your prayers for Sara and I this Year, we are looking forward to a family Christmas. I hope you and your families have a very Blessed Christmas & New Year!

Much Luv to you all Jerry, Sara & Co xxxxxx

Hello everyone! I can hardly believe it is almost Christmas. This first term of the year has flown by - we have really enjoyed doing our assemblies and lesson but a highlight for me has been the lunch group at Soham Village College. We are really getting to know the young people well and our group games have been so successful so far. Please continue to pray for this group, particularly with George leaving at the end of term.



I am very excited for Staff Conference in January - last year was amazing we had great Bible teaching, worship, seminars and fellowship. This year our two new staff members will be joining us and I couldn't be more thrilled! Thank you for your continued love, support and prayers - I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a blessed 2020.

Psalms 95:6-7 -Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hannah x

AND I SAID TO THE MAN WHO STOOD AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR:

*Give me a light
that I may tread safely
into the unknown.*

AND HE REPLIED:

*Go out into the darkness
& put your hand into
the Hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light
& safer than a known way.*

MINNIE HASKINS