

APCM PARISH YOUTH WORK REPORT 2018

John 10:

v 9 *I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in/go out/find pasture.*

v 14 *I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep/my sheep know me. I lay down my life for the sheep*

v 16 *I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also.*

They too will listen to me and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Horsham Parish Vision

Our Young people will:

GROW UP in their relationship with God.

GROW TOGETHER as Christians in the parish, diocese and ecumenically. Wider Church family.

GROW OUT, as they live out their faith, as witnesses of God's love to others. Home and abroad.

Structure groups enable this growth:

Community (Faces to friendships.) TGI/open youth clubs.

Church (Friendships to Faith) Youth Alpha. Café Connect. Cell groups. Sun am.

Core (Faith to Full service.) Cell groups. Café Connect (use gifts). Growing Leaders. Confirmation.

Mission work. Home & Abroad. (Discipleship of them/key stage of life for 2 years in some cases!!)

The Youth work/my work happens in 4 streams of work.

Church Young People: Café. Cells. Sun am. TGI. Camps. Grow Leaders. Confirmation. Alpha.

Community Young People: YST. Eliv8/Early Intervention. Catalyst Mentoring. YMCA. Forum

Support of Parish Youth Leaders: Vision & Plan. Training. Prayer & Share. Retreat.

Mission work: Home & Abroad.

Last year I spoke about:

2017 needing to be a season of Praying. Seeking God's face. Listening. (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Time to explore honestly: Strengths & Weaknesses. Dreams. + Goals!!

I've updated the sheet on all these. Goals: most were done. Some started/some not right time.

I continue to have many dreams!

There are so many ways in which the Parish Youth work can continue to grow & flourish!

As Youth workers, we are the Gate keepers. He is *the gate* through which YP are saved!

The parish needs to be a place where YP can:

Come in to a relationship WITH HIM.

Go out confident in who they are IN HIM/what He might call them to do. +place where they

Find Pasture. Fed. Watered. Restored. Looked after. Supported. Discipled. Enabled to grow.

BUT

There are other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. We must bring them also! WE MUST.

WE MUST reach out to the YP in our community! Schools/Parks/Clubs/YMCA.

In my experience, this CAN be done through big missions/Fuse Let's Go Mission in schools.

It is good to do Christian Assemblies/Debate groups in schools. We have done these!

Relationship is key! I know my sheep/my sheep know me. Jesus journeyed with/went out!

Ministry of GOD'S Presence OUT in the community – is key! Hanging out. Journeying with YP

How can I/we go out & serve the needs in our community? +Enable our YP to do it too!

This is ALL our responsibility! Not: 'they do that'. Needs to be something our parish models!

There shall be one flock and one shepherd.

Survey: How can we get more people into our churches? Be where they are. Know/care. ☺

Once heard YP outside church/faith communities referred to as 2 different communities. ☹

God's ❤️/Jn 10: They should be ONE! His Kingdom: 1 flock! 1 Shepherd! Look 4: signs/opps!

HUGE THANK YOU/AS ALWAYS TO ALL WHO HELP WITH/SUPPORT YOUTH WORK/ME.