



Hello,

We're sending this booklet to you as a parent / guardian because your young person comes to YOUTH, our Friday night youth club. It contains some simple, but important information about YOUTH. It says who we are, what we do on a Friday night, what we do at other times and how you can get in contact with us. Hopefully it answers any questions you've got.

### **What is YOUTH?**

YOUTH is a Friday night youth club run by Calvary Christian Fellowship. It's for young people of **high school age** and it runs on a **Friday night during school term time**. It starts at **7:30pm** (doors open at 7:15pm) and finishes at **9:15pm**. We ask young people to pay **50p** subs and we also have a tuck shop.

### **What do we do on a Friday night?**

Well there isn't really a standard Friday night but here are some of the main ingredients of YOUTH.

***A Big Community Activity:*** We'll normally start Friday night with an active game or challenge that involves everyone. It's a time when we're together as a whole group.

***Mix in Smaller Groups:*** For part of Friday evenings we'll split young people into different age groups. We do games, activities and discussion with them in smaller groups.

**Explore Issues of Life and Faith:** Most weeks at YOUTH we'd look at a topic or issue focussed around life or faith. We are a Christian youth club and this shapes how we present and explore issues. Topics we may talk about would include: forgiveness, identity and self-worth, treating others well, love and friendship.

**Put in a Prayer Request:** Each week we give an opportunity for the young people to write down anything they want prayer for. At times they might want to chat with a leader about this, or simply write a prayer request. As youth leaders we want to be able to listen to, pray for the young people and help support and encourage them through any challenges.

**Time to Chill with Friends:** Time to be with friends is an important part of being a young person YOUTH provides time and a place to just be with friends.

## What do we do at other times?

### *Friday night's out ...*



Every so often, usually once a term, we'll run a Friday night trip out. This might be going bowling or to the cinema. Because this is not our normal Friday night we'd contact you to let you know details, including cost of any trip.

### *Away Days ...*

We're starting to run days out for Young People. We're partnering with Fusion Youth and Community to offer breakout days. These will be action packed days around a particular theme. They provide a great opportunity for young people to grow and develop in character.



## ***Youth Weekend Away ...***



At some point in the school year we run a weekend away. We've been as a group to the Lake District and North Wales. Youth Weekends away are always special and significant times.

Our next youth weekend away will be **Easter 2014**. We'll be going to Quinta. Based on our previous five weekends we know it will be a great time. Youth weekends away are a time when faith, friendship and character all grow.

**All our YOUTH young people and their families are welcome at our church's Sunday 10:30am service and other activities.**

## **Making a Difference**

# COMIC RELIEF

Part of our ethos at YOUTH, and at church, is that we want to encourage young people to make a positive difference to the world around them.

This happens in different ways at YOUTH. For example earlier in 2013 the YOUTH young people hosted a 'Comic Relief Friday Night' and raised over **£400** for worthy causes.

Our church has links with a number of charities helping children in different parts of the world. We have links with a Ugandan church that runs a village for orphaned street children.

In summer 2012 Pastor Joshua Magezi visited YOUTH and told us about life in Uganda and his work with orphaned street children. Out of YOUTH subs and tuck shop money we were able to send a gift of **£500**. This money helps a teenage girl called Jesca Namisango. She lived at the children's village and is now doing a journalism course.



## Safeguarding

**Safeguarding is  
a priority here**

As a church and at YOUTH we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of everyone who attends.

The welfare of children and young people is particularly important to us. As such we have a safeguarding policy (a copy of which can be obtained on request and appendices are available at [www.calvary.org.uk](http://www.calvary.org.uk)).

All of our YOUTH volunteer leaders receive regular training in safeguarding and have undergone appropriate safeguarding checks.

**We're updating all our contact and consent information. To help with this please would you complete, sign and return the enclosed YOUTH consent form. We need contact details and annual consent for your young person to be part of YOUTH.**

The purpose behind all this safeguarding is to provide the safest and healthiest environment for your young person to grow and thrive in.

## Contacting Us

If you've got questions about YOUTH, or our church then please don't hesitate to get in touch. There are various ways you can contact us:

By email:	<a href="mailto:youth@calvary.org.uk">youth@calvary.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.calvary.org.uk">www.calvary.org.uk</a>
By phone:	01772 461454 is the church office number
By letter:	Calvary Christian Fellowship Ward St, Lostock Hall Preston PR5 5HR

And you'd also be welcome to call in any YOUTH Friday night and talk with one of the leaders. **Thanks for reading.**