

The pathway for our young people to have fun & fellowship and then to grow in their faith and relationship with their Heavenly Father, is growing and working well.

This begins with 'Connect' in the Village Hall on a Thursday evening. This happens about once a fortnight, and is open to all secondary school children from the village and surrounding areas. We have 12 regular youth and the occasional guest who attend at the moment and five adult leaders. We keep Connect really relaxed, fun and relational, with a big emphasis on eating good food all together while chatting about the week and encouraging prayer requests. Our young people love to spend time doing a craft or making a pudding for us all to eat and of course all enjoy a few rowdy games. We are hopeful that as the weather improves, we can start making use of the croft for even bigger adventures!!!

We then have Connect Extra, which is once a month at the Oast. This is for the youth who want to learn more about what it means to be a Christian and start to learn a bit about the bible and how we can implement God's Word in our lives. I love CE, hanging out with the guys who want to talk about Jesus, with some good food, is a real privilege.

Then Sunday Connect which has been quite remarkable really. We often have 10 youth turn up for crumpets and bible study on a Sunday morning. All the young people are growing in confidence to question and contribute, which really is brilliant, and amazing to see some of these guys coming to church and experiencing our wonderful church family afterwards.

I am really excited to be starting work at the village school this month. As well as helping Julie with assembly, it is a brilliant opportunity to build relationship with the year 5 & 6 children, who will soon be able to start coming to Connect on a Thursday. I am praying we will see many of these young people, come through our Connect pathway over the next few years and be welcomed into our church family, hopefully, dragging their parents along too!!!

Lastly, we are taking our Connect crew to Maycamp on the 24th. Maycamp is a 4 day event held at Plumpton racecourse for all the churches in our Diocese. We have 11 children signed up to come, from all stages of their Christian journeys. Please pray that this will be a wonderful time of growth and fun for all 11 youth and all 6 leaders too!!