



Camberley
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

Annual Report
April 22 - Mar 2023

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"HOW WILL THEY HEAR?"





CENTRE DIRECTOR REPORT

As I'm sat at in a coffee shop writing this report and reflecting over this year, a phrase comes to mind...

"How will they hear?"

This phrase, found in Romans 10: 14-15 is the mandate for our mission of bringing the Good News relevantly to every young person in the Surrey Heath area.

We are living in ever increasing society where The Good News of Jesus is becoming more and more irrelevant in young people's lives.

As the evangelistic arm of the Church, it's of paramount importance we continue to go beyond the pew so young people can hear this transformational message of hope.

For we are in the transformation business, with the goal to create conditions in which young people can be continually transformed into the likeness of Christ.

I'm overjoyed to see that we've increased our encounters with young people compared to our previous year.

✓ We had 10,300 encounters with young people, an increase of 1,354. (see page 3-5 for a breakdown).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team. We wouldn't be able to do anything without the team.

At the start of 2023 I wrote down three goals for Camberley Youth for Christ to focus on:

- We seek God before we go
- We are bold in asking for donations because our work matters.
- We love the local Church

I wholeheartedly believe that Camberley Youth for Christ is stronger when we partner well with local Churches.

Our previous support in local Churches has been ok but could be so much better. historically, we've asked churches to support our work rather than Camberley Youth for Christ physically going to support their youth ministry.

I believe God is prompting Camberley Youth for Christ to employ a Schools & Church Worker who will work with two local churches to establish/support youth ministry.

If we want to love the local church we must serve the local church.

Employment means a financial cost and our current finances can only sustain this for 3 years.

Will you partner with us financially to keep this going as a Kingdom building venture. Just £10 a month really makes a big difference.

You can set this up by visiting our website.
<https://camberley.yfc.co.uk/donate/>

Oli Deeks
Centre Director

WHY WE EXIST

Our purpose is to bring the Good News relevantly to all young people in and around Camberley.

We are passionate about introducing young people to Christ and when we do this relevantly we believe we see young people's lives changed by Jesus.

We are committed to our 4 D's of evangelism - where we DEMONSTRATE the love of God, DECLARE who Jesus is, encourage a DECISION to follow Him and DISCIPLE young people to live their lives to the full (John 10:10).

We do all this by creating opportunities for Christians to tell young people their stories, giving genuine faith-based input into the lives of young people and supporting and encouraging others to do the same - youth workers, teachers and Churches.

In order to achieve our purpose and mission, we focus on three areas - Schools, Churches and Online.

1. Schools Work

We provide faith based educational and pastoral input into local Secondary Schools. We provide an opportunity for local churches to come into school under our training and guidance.

2. Churches and Youth Workers

We believe Churches are the hope for our communities. We partner and network with local Churches and youth workers to enable a supportive and encouraging environment for additional collaborative projects and activities aimed at relationship building with both church and non-church youth in the area.

When applicable we support and provide advice on how Churches can engage relevantly with young people.

3. Online

Young people's attention today is online. We aim to seize the hours beyond our face to face interactions, to build online relationships with young people using popular social medias.



break down of our **10,300** encounters with young people



Schools

9,111



Churches

1,189

+ approx. 10,000 monthly engagements on our social media channels



4 Secondary Schools



**26 RE
Lessons**



**2 weekly
CU's**



**68 Youth
Mentored**



**5 Anti-bullying
courses**



**18
Assemblies**



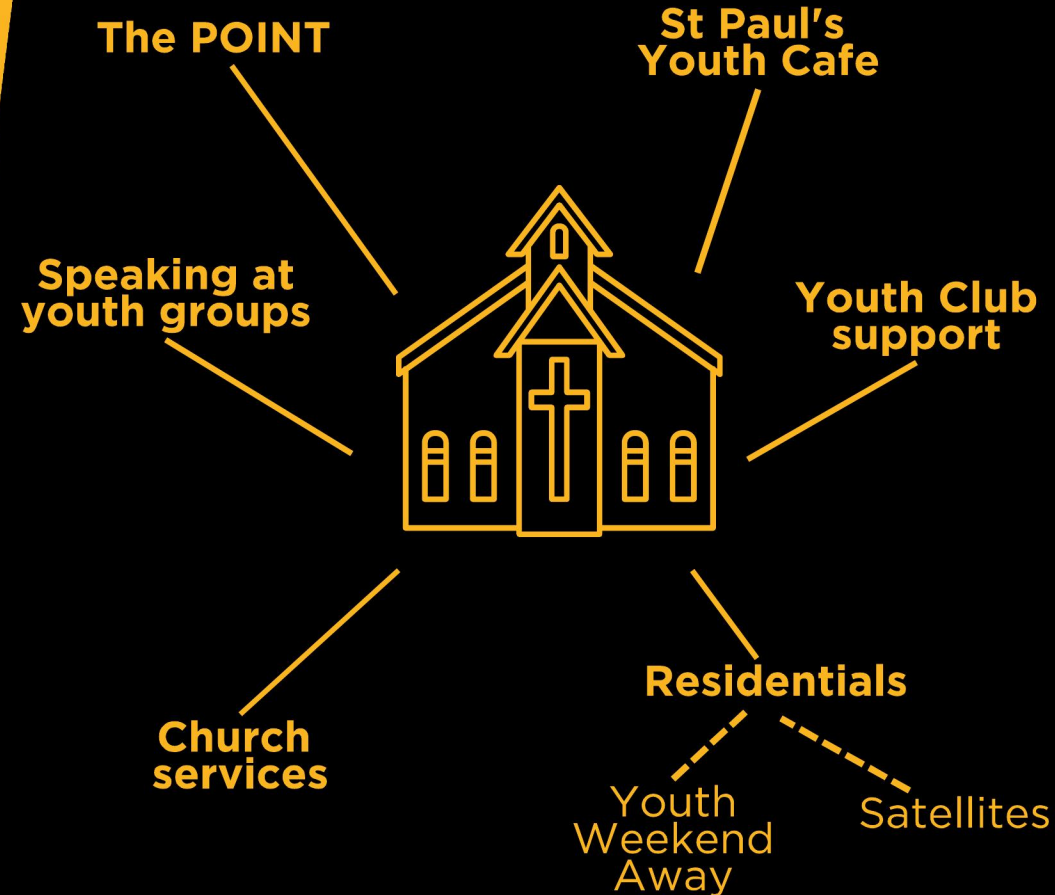
**5 x per week
Lunch Clubs**

9,111

**ENCOUNTERS
WITH YOUNG
PEOPLE
IN SCHOOLS**

1,189

ENCOUNTERS
WITH YOUNG
PEOPLE
WITH CHURCHES



SCHOOLS WORK

We are so blessed to have good relationships with four local Secondary Schools.

During this time we had approx. 9,111 interactions with young people doing lessons, assemblies, Christian unions, lunch clubs, mentoring and Project Thrive our anti-bullying support group course.

KINGS INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Our office space and very own youth room are located at this school. We are very blessed and grateful to have these spaces. Thank you, Kings.

We've utilised our youth room by running daily lunch clubs for each school year with around 8 - 15 young people attending each day.

We ran a weekly breaktime Christian Union with an average attendance of 6 young people.

Oli was invited to participate in the Kings staff football match raising money for Ukraine. He was very happy to take part and extra pleased as his team won.

We lead 9 assemblies covering topics such as mental health and the power of habits.

We mentored 36 young people and ran 5 Project Thrive courses which is our anti-bullying course (see page ?? for more info).

We lead 25 lessons covering topics such as, Y10 GCSE the Trinity, Y9 Just War theory, Y8 what is Holy Week and Y7 faith in action partnered with 'Good News for Everyone' (formerly known as the Gideons) handing out NT bibles. Oli was asked to speak at Kings Personal Development day about bullying.

TOMLINSCOTE

We were excited to relaunch a Christian Union which was encouraged by a pupil who came to Satellites.

We 1:2:1 mentored 18 young people.

Many thanks Stephen, Mark, Sophie and Oli helping lead our schools work at Tomlinscote.

We hope to have some RE lessons and assemblies in the future.



450

**New Testament Bibles
given to pupils**
(partnered with Good
News for Everyone)



SCHOOLS WORK

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COLLINGWOOD

We 1:2:1 mentored 17 young people with Ben, Joe, Anna and Oli going into the school weekly.

We led 9 assemblies covering topics such as habits, Christmas and the Bible (partnered with Good News for Everyone formerly known as the Gideons). We always make sure our assemblies are fun, engaging and thought provoking with a Christian message.

We'd love to do more in Collingwood and we hope to start a Christian union.

GORDONS

On Mondays at lunch, Oli and school chaplain Rev Wright, go around the different houses and common rooms chatting and meeting with students.

Oli and Sarai also helped lead a small Youth Alpha course during period 7 on a Wednesday.

Oli led several chapel assemblies covering topics around happiness, the 10 commandments and purpose.

Next year, we've been asked to lead a Prayer Space for a week. This will give Gordon's students the opportunity to explore prayer and understand why people pray.



CHRIST LIKE

Showing Jesus in our daily lives through the way we act, respond and work.

BOLD

We are not ashamed of who we are and will bravely spread the Good News relevantly to every young person.

INNOVATIVE

We dream big to reach and disciple young people in creative ways and not afraid to try new projects.

FUN

It's our nature. We don't take ourselves too seriously but believe in a serious message.

RELATIONAL

Our approach is to care authentically so every young person is seen, heard and valued.

COMMITTED

We are dedicated to God, to young people and to local community partnerships.

OUR VAL -UES



PARTNERING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES

ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE JESUS THE POINT OF THEIR LIVES.



We love the local Church and try to support where we can.

Oli was invited to join the Youth cafe team at St Paul's, which has been a good opportunity to meet with young people.

Oli supported church youth ministry at St Martin's Camberley youth group, All Saints Lightwater youth group, St Mary's youth service, Frimley Baptist Church youth club and youth trips to Chessington and Lego Land, St Paul's light and bright party

We continued to support local youth workers by gathering in person and for our Surrey Heath Youth Workers Forum. We share ideas, eat breakfast, network and encourage one another.

THE POINT

Our monthly youth service is organised by Church youth workers with Camberley Youth for Christ overseeing.

Ultimately, our aim is to encourage young people to make Jesus the POINT of their lives.

We aim to connect young people across Surrey Heath to build a passionate and vibrant, Jesus centred community through fun filled games, inspiring talks, worship and prayer.

We continued to meet throughout the year with steady numbers with an average attendance of 45 young people, which is more than our previous year.

The POINT is open to anyone in Secondary School to College.

At the end of each term we organise a fun and exciting social. At our summer party we had 84 young people attend.

We hope to continue reaching more young people with more youth workers bringing their youth groups.

You can find out more about the POINT via this video link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SAplITRmHUQ>

DIGITAL EVANGELISM

Why digital youth work?

Youth Ministry is about going to the native spaces where young people's attention is, in the name of Jesus.

Where do young people spend their free time?

Online.

Gen Z are digital natives which provides us with the opportunity to go beyond our face-to-face interactions. To be salt and light in these places.

This year we've intentionally created content on social media to promote:

- Spiritual practices
- To have meaningful and positive engagements
- To create relevant content for young people
- To tell our story of Camberley Youth for Christ

We posted content regularly on our Instagram and TikTok, with weekly videos

on our YouTube channel.

We made silly, fun and engaging challenge videos, 'Monday Challenge' and faith based videos partnered with Frimley Baptist Church.

We had a go at reaching young people via gaming however we have decided to stop this project as Ben moved on and it didn't have the impact we hoped for.

3.2K
FOLLOWERS

2.1K
FOLLOWERS

500
SUBS



OUR TEAM



Oli Deeks
Centre Director



Naomi Waite
Administrator



Stephen Fenwick
Chair



Rev Graham Wright
trustee



Esther Westwood
Treasurer



Mike Clarke
Safeguarding



Anna Murphy
trustee



Ben Barnes
trustee

Oli Deeks and Naomi are our employed members of staff. Joe our previous part-time youth worker stepped down from his role, but we are pleased that he stayed on as a valuable volunteer. He now balances his studies and working for St Paul's Church, Camberley.

Our hope is to employ a Schools and Church worker and to have a gap year student with us.

We've had a few changes with our trustees with Paul, Daniel and Becky stepping down. Ben will also be leaving us as he starts a new youth work job in Godalming.

We are very grateful for our team.

OUR TEAM

Most of our Youth & Schools Work is only made possible because of our wonderful team of committed volunteers. We are extremely grateful for their time, energy and hard work.

We've had 12 regular and casual volunteers getting involved in lessons, assemblies, detached youth work, Christian Unions, lunch clubs, pastoral support, the POINT and residential.

These all make a valuable contribution to introducing young people to Christ.

We are committed to supporting, celebrating and training all our volunteers. We meet monthly for breakfast, pray regularly and our team are encouraged to attend youth worker training and events provided by National Youth for Christ.

We are dedicated to training all our volunteers in safeguarding.

We are always looking to grow our team. If you're a committed Christian with some spare hours free in the week during school hours, then why not consider joining the Camberley Youth for Christ family?

If you're Interested please contact us at admin@camberley.yfc.co.uk.





RESIDENTIALS

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responded to
our call to
follow Christ.
We gave each
of them a Bible

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Youth Weekend Away

Our annual Youth Weekend Away is always a highlight of the year.

In June 2022, 35 young people (+18 more young people compared to last year), in School years 6 - 9, joined us for an epic weekend of outdoor adventurous activities, wide games, late nights, good food and an evangelistic programme delivered by Jon Swell, national evangelist at Youth for Christ.

Many thanks to Frimley Fuel and Frimley Baptist Church which helped provide free places for those families who couldn't afford.

Satellites Youth Festival

We used to go to Soul Survivor but as that stopped in 2019 and with COVID, Satellites was a new option for us.

Satellites is a five-day Christian youth event brought to you by the team at Youthscape, aimed at 12-18 year olds.

Youth groups camp together, and join as one for huge gatherings each morning and evening. There are also workshops, seminars, cafes, sports and craft.

We were a small group of 9 young people. Many thanks to Esther and Lydia for organising tasty meals for us.



PRAYER

Prayer is powerful because of the God who answers. His name is above every name and when we pray in his name, the name of Jesus, there is power.

PRAY THROUGH MAY is a national prayer initiative from Youth for Christ, which we as a local centre participated in.

The goal of this initiative is a collective focus on specific areas of prayer for young people. To lift them to God in prayer, that they might have freedom from darkness, life through Jesus, and perseverance in the faith.

We are about seeing young people's lives changed by Jesus and if we want to do this effectively, bearing fruit that will last, we must pray that God's power will be at work in young people in all kinds of ways and situations.

We wholeheartedly believe that prayer really does change things!

During PRAY THROUGH MAY we organised weekly zoom meetings, hosted a Youth for Christ prayer event at Frimley

Baptist Church, had in person prayer meeting and a prayer breakfast for local youth workers.

We meet weekly for prayer as a team on zoom and in person once a month during term time. We'd love for you to join us.

<https://camberley.yfc.co.uk/pray/>

**“DO NOT BE
ANXIOUS ABOUT
ANYTHING, BUT IN
EVERY SITUATION,
BY PRAYER AND
PETITION, WITH
THANKSGIVING,
PRESENT YOUR
REQUESTS TO GOD.”
-PHILIPPIANS 4:6**



SUPPORTERS

The trustees of Camberley Youth for Christ are extremely grateful to our supporters, both individual and Churches.

With this financial support we can offer our work to local Schools free of charge, which helps with our relationships.

We also recognise the valuable contribution of Kings International College in providing office space and a classroom free of charge.

STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE

Camberley Youth for Christ employs a full time Centre Director to set strategy, manage staff & volunteers and to lead and co-ordinate activities. The Director is supported by a part time administrator (10 hours per week).

Our office space is situated at:

Kings International College
Watchetts Drive
Camberley
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Email: admin@camberley.yfc.co.uk

Joe stepped down as our part-time youth worker in August 2022.

The activities and Director of Camberley Youth for Christ is overseen by the Trustees. The Trustees met five times during the year, generally at half termly intervals, with at least 50% of the Trustees plus Centre Director and admin present at each meeting.

Ben Barnes, Daniel Natnael, Paul Kingston and Becky Speyer stepped down as trustees during this period. We are grateful for their support.

Rev. Graham Wright joined the trustees in Jan 2023.

Mike Clarke is our designated safeguarding officer with Anna Murphy as a support to this role.

Chairman:
Stephen Fenwick, Frimley Baptist Church

Treasurer:
Esther Westwood, Frimley Baptist Church

Elected Trustees:

- Anna Murphy, St Paul's Camberley
- Mike Clarke, St Peter's Frimley
- Rev. Graham Wright, Gordon's School Chaplain



CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



As another year, and indeed a season for Camberley Youth for Christ draws to a close, there is so much to be thankful to God for.

Oli and the team have done a tremendous job of keeping up with an ever expanding presence in Camberley, and indeed the whole of Surrey Heath. It is testament to this that the team is yet again expanding, with Katy soon to join in an exciting role enabling churches to start and equip their own sustainable, growing, healthy youth works for years to come.

You see, Camberley Youth For Christ isn't just 'those people who put on the events for young people'. No, if Camberley Youth for Christ is anything, it is a collective of individual churches and their people coming together to declare that they have faith in young people in our area and will actively work towards that.

That's why it's more vital than ever that we ask for your support. A charity is at its strongest when financial support comes from a variety of sources - churches, individuals, and of course the grants and trusts that help meet specific needs. As an individual giver, you can even gift aid your donation and help us claim the tax back at no extra cost to yourself. If you don't already give, would you consider giving just £10 a month? Every single penny helps, and you could make all the difference to a young person's life.

My own time as chair of trustees is drawing to a close, and I step down from the trusteeship with immense gratitude for what I've been privileged to see. I know the charity will go from strength to strength, and I am excited to cheer Oli and the team on from the sidelines.

Wishing you all the very best

Stephen Fenwick
Chair of Trustees

RESERVE POLICY & FINANCIAL REVIEW

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The trustees believe, given that the majority of the costs are related to employment, that it is appropriate to hold reserves equivalent to 3 months costs. This currently equates to around £10,000. The total fund balances at 31 March 2022 were £79,250, made up of unrestricted fund balances of £76,946 and restricted fund balances of £2,304.

This means we are well within the range of our reserve policy. We have the potential to grow our staff team and extend the work we are able to do in the schools, in local churches and in the community.

At 31 March 2023 we held £10,812 with Scottish Widows on 90 days notice and the rest with Lloyds Bank with instant access. At 31 March 2023, CYFC was holding £2,304 on behalf of The Point

We have been so blessed by the ongoing support of both the local churches and regular individual givers, despite the financial challenges. We thank God for this provision.

Sadly, churches giving has gone down compared to previous years. We will aim

to better partner with local churches.

Our events expenses have increased from the previous year as we were once again able to run the Youth weekend away and take some of our young people to Satellites Youth Festival.

Our total income for the year was £57,521 (increase from the previous year which was helped by 100K Your Way fundraiser).

Our total expenditure for the year was £48,146.

OUR TOTAL INCOME FOR THE
YEAR WAS £57,521 WITH
TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT £48,146

ACCOUNTS

INCOME	1/4/22-31/3/23	1/4/21-31/3/22
Income from Churches & Schools	15,285.00	24,452.29
Income from individuals	24,581.15	19,720.88
Gift Aid received from HMRC	5,664.67	4,316.25
Events Income	3,785.00	1,172.50
Income from webinars / online training provision	-	532.05
Fundraising income	8,078.36	1,200.75
YFC Year Out hosting contributions	-	260.00
Interest on Business bank account	77.58	3.05
Interest on Scottish Widows account	44.76	5.39
Other Income	5.00	70.00
TOTAL INCOME	57,521.52	51,733.16

EXPENDITURE	1/4/20-31/3/23	1/4/21-31/3/22
Gross Salaries	(36,960.34)	(36,239.56)
Employers Pension	(1,901.04)	(1,898.90)
Training	(428.00)	(280.00)
YFC Year Out Placement costs	-	(2,010.00)
Travel	(571.88)	(633.92)
Impact	(395.08)	(934.08)
Networking (including advertising)	(208.01)	(323.52)
Office Expenses	(215.16)	(1,538.63)
Camera / Microphone Equipment	(289.00)	(939.26)
Events Expenses	(4,174.50)	(1,518.25)
Subscriptions/membership	(1,852.25)	(1,847.95)
Stripe transaction fees	238.22	(80.66)
Independent examiners fee	(360.00)	(360.00)
Insurance	(553.36)	(497.40)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	(48,146.84)	(49,102.13)

	1/4/22-31/3/23	1/4/21-31/3/22	Balances at 31/3/23	1/4/22-31/3/23	1/4/21-31/3/22
Income received on behalf of The Point	625.48	2,572.00	Current account	6,004.34	30,092.62
Expenses paid on behalf of The Point	(1,778.90)	(1,562.66)	Business Bank account	58,435.74	30,358.16
Net Movement in year	8,221.26	3,640.37	Scottish Widows account	10,812.76	10,768.00
Opening reserves	71,029.58	67,389.21	Tax reclaim due	3,690.90	505.00
Net Movement in year	8,221.26	3,640.37	Next year :YWA deposit paid / Satellites tickets booked	1,986.10	565.80
Total Funds	79,250.84	71,029.58	Examination fee due	(360.00)	(360.00)
			Events income received in advance	(1,319.00)	(900.00)
				79,250.84	71,029.58
			Held on behalf of the Point (Restricted fund)	2,304.07	3,457.49
			Available funds for CYFC	76,946.77	67,572.09

The accounts have been checked and signed off by the trustees.



Signed by Naomi Waite
(new Chair of Trustees)
2nd September 2023

Independent Examiners Report

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Camberley Youth for Christ For the year ended 31 March 2023

This report on the financial statements of Camberley Youth for Christ for the year ended 31st March 2023 is in respect of the examination carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and

- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met or;

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Andrew Mitchell

(2 September 2023)
Chartered Accountant
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