

Parents Diary for Spring 2012

This term our big focus is Youth Alpha. It's a great opportunity for your children to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Holiday club is on the Monday – Thursday of half term and we are looking for junior leaders. Holiday clubs are always a lot of fun and it's always good to have as many young people involved as possible. Speak to Del for more information.

Date	Event	Time
08/01/2012	Epic - Alpha Taster	7-9pm
15/01/2012	Youth Alpha - session 1	7-9pm
22/01/2012	Youth Alpha - session 2	7-9pm
29/01/2012	Youth Alpha - session 3	7-9pm
05/02/2012	Youth Alpha - session 4	7-9pm
12/02/2012	Epic -Talent	7-9pm
13-16 Feb	<i>Half-Term Holiday Club</i>	
19/02/2012	Youth Alpha - session 5	7-9pm
26/02/2012	Youth Alpha - session 6	7-9pm
2-4 March	<i>Youth Weekend Away</i>	
11/03/2012	Epic	7-9pm
18/03/2012	Youth Alpha - session 7	7-9pm
25/03/2012	Youth Alpha - session 8	7-9pm
01/04/2012		
08/04/2012	Easter Sunday	
15/04/2012	Easter holidays	
22/04/2012	Easter holidays	
29/04/2012	Epic	7-9pm
4-7 May	Ignite Hope Weekend	
13/05/2012	Epic	7-9pm

Both Youth Alpha and Epic are held in St. Mark's hall on Sunday nights from 7-9pm.

For more details of events and Sunday mornings see attached sheet.

Future dates for your diary

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th July: Spree Wales is an event for young people aged between 10 – 15. About 500 young people from across South Wales come together to have a lot of fun and discover how amazing God is. Booking forms will be available later in the year. Go to spreewales.com for more information.

Sunday 12th – Thursday 16th August: Soul Survivor is 5 days of camping with 8,000 other young people, many of whom are Christians. It's a lot of fun and also an amazing opportunity to experience God. The Thursday is A Level results day and Souls Survivor is well equipped with internet connections to get results, celebrate with those who are happy and console those who are sad but if you need to leave a day early that's fine. Booking forms will be available later in the year.

An explanation of each event


Youth Alpha is an internationally renowned course that looks at the basics of the Christian faith. It's a great opportunity for young people and their friends to discover who Jesus is in a cringe free environment. This is all mixed up with fun games, short media based talks and lively discussion. 7-9pm in the Church hall and is open to 11 – 18 year olds.

Epic is our monthly youth event for 11 – 18 year olds. It contains a mixture of lively games, food and faith. We try to use different learning styles and techniques to look at the Christian faith. Epic is 7-9pm in the Church hall.

Pathfinders is 'Sunday School' for teenagers. School years 7-9 meet in the rainbow room and 10-13 meet in the lounge. Pathfinders is on the 2nd/4th & 5th Sunday of the month during the 10.45am service.

Xtreme is on the first Sunday of every month during the 10.45am service. Children and teenagers come together to learn about Jesus using a variety of different learning styles.

The **weekend away** is one of the highlights of the St. Mark's youth calendar. If you are in year 7 or just joined the church it's a great way of getting to know other young people in the church. For regulars it's a brilliant time of hanging out with mates, learning more about the Christian faith and having a lot of fun.

 **is** the weekly youth club for school years 7-10. Every Wednesday during term time at St. Mark's from 7.30-9.30pm.

Café 242 & Girls Café are monthly discipleship groups for years 10 and above. They will be moved to a mid-week slot this term to allow space for Youth Alpha. Del is in the process of finding a day and time that is best for all the young people who come.

Ignite Hope is a weekend of caring for our community through social action. This year will have a sporty theme. Details to follow. Friday 4th – Sunday 7th May.