

2015-16 has been a year of learning hard life and leadership lessons followed up with opportunities of personal maturing between my work as FACT's youth worker and as Trinity's youth leader.

CHRISTIAN UNIONS

This year, thanks to support from Frome Area Christians Together, I've had the pleasure of continuing to run a Christian Union at Frome College. I've also begun leading a Christian Union at Selwood Academy! This is run during lunch break on Fridays, alternating weekly between the schools. While some of the students are new to the Christian faith, these times are open to whoever wants to take part. This can be a little challenging at times, but it's mostly a good time where we can explore our faith and an opportunity to eat cake!

AFTER SCHOOL AT COSTA

The students from Frome College who regularly attend the CU have sometimes felt that the 30 minutes we spend together simply isn't long enough. They are eager to "do life together", to spend time chatting and be encouraged throughout our time together. One Friday, I suggested that we meet at Costa after school and chat further about topic we discussed at the CU. These impromptu after school gatherings have become regular events, with the young people asking if we can meet as a group *even during holidays!*

God is really working through these times. They afford the young people the "breathing space" to be able to discuss difficult questions with me and the group. Many such discussions are focus on things they might not feel comfortable talking about while within the confines of the school grounds.

In your prayers, **thank God for His guidance and provision** of these opportunities. Pray that He'd move deeply in the hearts of the young people. Pray that more young people would become a part of our times together. Finally, Pray that He would make me capable as a leader in the discipleship of these young ones.

YOUTH WORKER & LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS

As Holy Trinity's church building has been under such major renovation, Sunday Cafe has been meeting at Christ Church Parish Hall. My role as Youth Leader at Trinity has expanded to various opportunities mentoring and discipling some of the boys from the youth group and Christian Union which has been a brilliant time to continue to see each of them grow.

SUNDAY CAFE'S EVER REVOLVING DOOR

As many of last years new-comers are quickly becoming committed regulars, last years committed regulars are preparing for graduation on to the next stage in life. For some, this will mean planning for University, choosing courses and exploring the careers that may formulate their futures. This brings to the forefront a hard question about what they want to do next and how they will be encouraged in their faith. We are praying and searching for ways in which we can effectively minister to these and other young adults and continue to be a regular part of their lives. Please continue to pray for these young ones in this stage of transition.

While some of our students are now graduating onto new things, this year we remember the passing of our dear young friend, 16 year-old Lucia Robinson, a student at Writhlington School, who passed away after a difficult battle with cancer in June of 2015. This has been a distressing time, full of questions about God's love and goodness in light of her passing. This has not been easy for the youth and leadership in Sunday Cafe, not to mention students of

Writhlington School and a few of her friends who attended Frome College. Lucia's passing has given us space to speak of the promise of the future Hope that God has given us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

SOUL SURVIVOR

This year's annual pilgrimage to Shepton Mallet was just as fun and exciting as ever! With fourteen young people and five leaders, we had a fantastic time. Half of our students had never been before, so this was a great way to see other Christian young people and hear the Gospel of Jesus in a new and relevant way! Almost all of the teens are or have been students at Frome College and take part of the CU that's run there.