



Churches serving secondary schools in Redhill and Reigate.



### Meeting Every Week

#### Monday

180° - Reigate College Christian Union – lunchtime

#### Tuesday

CU2Talk – St Bede’s Lower School (years 7 to 9) - lunchtime

#### Wednesday

Horizon – Reigate School Christian Union, held at Reigate Baptist Church – after school

Although the weather this summer has not been what many of us were expecting or hoping for. It did not put a dampener on any of the holiday clubs or camps that went on over the last 5 weeks.

The summer has been great fun for many reasons, not least because I got married, thank you to all who were praying for the day, it seemingly went without any problems. Steve and I had an amazing time, I think we were one of the very few blessed people who had wonderful weather!!

After a nice relaxing honeymoon, Steve and I were able to enjoy a not so relaxing but great fun week up in the Lakes with 9 young people from this area. We joined about 30 other young people from all over the country, on a pathfinder venture. All the YP’s that we took up said they had a brilliant time and can’t wait to go back next year!! We enjoyed a week of games and activities as well as looking through the book of John. One of the group came to a realization over the week of why Christ had to die, that Jesus was a replacement for us.

### Encounters Reps

- Redhill Baptist – Shirley Odysseos & Gerald Day (Chairman)
- Redhill Christian Fellowship – Alan Earwaker
- Redhill Methodist – Anne Branson
- Redhill URC – Diana Read
- Holy Trinity – Dave Roper
- Reigate Baptist – Isobel Nott
- St Mary’s – Jackie Natt
- St Luke’s with St Peter’s – Helen Gillett
- St Mark’s – David Simmons
- Christchurch South Nutfield – Carol Cooper
- Crusaders – David Wigner
- Urban Saints – Gary Mann

Thank you to all the church reps who make the work of Encounters known in their churches.  
  
If you want to know more, please contact your rep or the office.

The holiday clubs went well too, I enjoyed being part of the team at St Lukes with St Peters, Kidzweek. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the young people that will now have started in year 7 at secondary school. Having the opportunity to get to know them and do some relational work, also a good chance for the young people to be hearing about Jesus, some for the first time. Holy Trinity pathfinder week was a good week too, enjoying different activities and bible teaching, again a great opportunity to meet many of the new year 7’s who I hope to see again in schools and clubs.

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Term has already begun and is looking to be a busy one, as ever we would value your prayers as we seek to do God’s will in this area.

Thank you

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Encounters provides Christian education, example and engagement. We are associated with the Schools Ministry Network and Crusaders, Reg Charity 223798.



# In action



A typical Youth Alpha Session

## Fun

Youth Alpha should be a really fun experience for all concerned! So each session starts with a game or fun ice breaker.

## Food

One of the key ingredients to a Youth Alpha session is food – eating together is a great chance to chat and get to know each other better. It's usually doughnuts or sweets!

## Talk

Every week a different topic is covered in the talk/presentation. We have adapted the "Youth Alpha" to fit into 6 lunchtime sessions (ie. One half term).

The topics covered are:

- Who is Jesus?
- Jesus' Death and Resurrection
- How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- God Speaks to Us Through the Bible
- Why and How Do I Pray?

## Small Groups

The small groups are one of the most important parts of Youth Alpha. They are a chance for guests to discuss the talk and raise any questions or thoughts they may have. No question is too simple or hostile – all opinions are welcome. Groups are led by team members, either youth leaders or teenagers themselves.

## For your Prayers

- ❖ Youth Alpha at St Bedes and Reigate Grammar – it is planned to run a course for the pupils after half term. Pray that the right pupils are motivated to attend and for all the arrangements running this course.
- ❖ Pray that the advertising and assemblies done this half term will be inspiring and will encourage young people to attend Alpha
- ❖ Horizon at Reigate School – the numbers have been very low, so pray that more children are keen to attend. Also pray for God's guidance on whether to use Youth Alpha.
- ❖ Reigate College will have new leaders for their Christian Union – pray that these young leaders are equipped by God to lead and encourage their fellow students.
- ❖ Pray for the Christian young people who have moved on to University – that they will settle quickly into their CU and find a supportive church.

## The White Board Our news in brief

### Youth Leaders Network

The YLN prayer meeting is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30 to 10.30 am in Reigate Baptist Church

The YLN Training Sessions is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 to 12.30 am in Holy Trinity Church Teaching the Bible

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### Encounters Prayer Meetings

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Please join us from 7.30pm – 8.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Carlton Road, Redhill. We'd love to see you even if you can only make part of the time.

### For Your Prayers:

The committee will be meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Please pray that God will guide them in their decisions for the Encounters Project and thank God for their faithful support of the project.