

# "youthinc"

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**Hannah Elphick**  
offers an invitation to  
all young people

At YouthInc we are passionate about young people. We help churches and volunteers to reach the young people in their communities by supporting them to run a youth group for those in school years 5-11. Every group is set up to provide a space for young people to be honest, have fun and explore Christianity in as much depth as they are comfortable. We love to be creative and play games but not afraid asking and answering the hard questions. We're always happy to welcome new young people to any of our groups! If you or your child would like to get involved, or just want some more information contact us on [youthincambs@gmail.com](mailto:youthincambs@gmail.com)

**My first is in time but not tame,  
My second is in loaf but not life,  
My third is in now but not who,  
My fourth is in Andrew as well as Thomas.**

This is one of a selection of ten puzzles that were recently hidden around Whittlesford Parish Church as part of a scavenger hunt uncovering the names of 10 of the most visited pilgrimage sites in the UK.

## INFORMAL CHURCH SERVICE AROUND A CAMPFIRE WITH YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEARS 4-8



Young people from all three youth groups run as part of the YouthInc project came together for an end of year event in Whittlesford (some even crossed the A505). There were youth specific activities that ran alongside the monthly informal campfire church service around a fire pit. We began with a game, joined everyone for part of the service and then embarked on the scavenger hunt – which has been keeping young people engaged even after the event!

The rain held off, the young people enjoyed themselves and many chose to toast marshmallows despite the warm temperatures. It was wonderful to see friendships extend beyond the parish boundaries, across the A505 and between youth groups – hopefully these young people will come together again soon.

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Cambridge & District  
**YOUTH  
FOR CHRIST**

British Youth for Christ  
have published the  
second part of their  
research: Gen Z-A



**Father God,**

**Thank you that each and  
every one of the young  
people in rural south  
Cambridgeshire are  
known to you by name.  
Please help us to see  
them all as individuals,  
who are fearfully and  
wonderfully made by you  
with their own interests.**

**Amen**

## **Update on our partners Cambridge & District Youth for Christ**

Youthinc employs Hannah, our youth worker, in partnership with Cambridge and District Youth for Christ(YFC). Their Catalyst programme aims to increase the capacity of churches to link up with local young people and their families. For the last seven years they have helped us recruit youthworkers, no mean feat when there are very few around. They also provide professional support and training, support that we can't provide within Granta Deanery. Hannah currently works two days for us. At the moment she leads groups in Sawston, Hinkledux and Sawston and plans joint events.

Mark Watson, centre director, is her line manager supporting her, and us, with prayer, wisdom and practical advice. He succeeds Jim Overton who has recently moved on after many years of amazing mission.

She is also part of the core team in the Cambridge office on St Andrews Street. She writes and delivers mentoring in secondary schools, and helps run the innovative CAFE no40 ... a safe place for teenagers to have a coffee, chat, socialise and learn life skills. You might pass it on St Andrews street, just opposite Emmanuel College.

## **Supporting YOUTHINC in your parishes**

Youthinc is a charity entirely supported by donations from local parishes in South Cambridgeshire. It is our vision that every young person has the opportunity to meet with a Christian youth worker and link up with their local church.

“Youth” starts early nowadays. Since we started 7 years ago we have become increasingly aware that as pupils reach the top classes in primary schools they have big questions and are keen to engage in challenging discussions, as well as sharing fun, food and friendship which can sustain them as they move on to secondary school.

The cost of a youth worker for two days a week is about £16,000 pa. YOUTHINC trustees are currently sending our letters and emails to all parishes in Granta Deanery to ask them to prayerfully consider how much they can contribute to this valuable ministry. Please contact project leader Jenny Duke or rural dean Michael Wilcockson if you have any questions.