

Website update for parishes March 2008

This is what's going on in Staffordshire at the moment; please let me have any suggestions and/or comments.

❖ **Alton Castle Retreat Weekend - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

There are still a few places left, please contact me for details, or for a booking form please see [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk)

❖ **5 - a - side football - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Teams from Parishes are invited in the following categories;

Yr4 ~ Yr6 (Mixed team)

Yr 7 ~ Yr9 (boys only)

Yr10 ~ Yr11 (boys only)

Yr7 ~ Yr11 (girls only)

Registration from 9.30am, Mass @ 10.30am, kick off to follow Mass and presentations immediately after the finals.

Cost is £10.00 per team, and again please contact me for details, or for a booking form please see [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk)

❖ **Quiz Night (North Staffs Deanery) - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

This was held at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

It was great night and the quiz included rounds on;

Flags, Logos, Disney Characters as well as General Knowledge.

The winners were;

1<sup>st</sup> - Chetarks (Holy Trinity) - 126pts

2<sup>nd</sup> - Team Extreme (St Wulstan's) - 115pts

3<sup>rd</sup> - Maoam (SS George & martin) - 114.5pts

Well done too, to the 'Hot meat pies' parents' team!

A massive thank you goes to everybody who supported the event, and special thanks to Gerry Grant for setting the questions and hosting the night.

❖ **North Staffs Deanery Music Group** -new members are always welcome. It is for anyone aged 11+ and meets every 6 weeks or so at St Gregory's Longton. The next practice session is;

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April (change of date)

7.30 - 9.00pm St Gregory's, Longton

The group has provided the music for Mass at various parishes recently, and will be playing at St Augustine's, Meir on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00pm.

If you would like them to come to your parish - let me know.

❖ **REACT - Youth Festival** - this year BCYS will be holding a youth festival for young people in Yr10+ (max 17yrs).

This will be held in the grounds of Oscott College, and the main focus will be on discipleship; there will be guest speakers, bands, drama & group activities.

Booking forms are now available from the website- please book early.

❖ **Activity Day** - an excellent day. Over 70 young people came along and chose 4 activities, such as climbing, archery etc. for photos please see [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk)

❖ **New youth groups** - we are currently working towards setting up new youth groups at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford & St Joseph's, Burslem.

❖ **Resource Boxes** - the following are available in Staffordshire between March & May;

**1) Discussion - "Faith & Church"**

Using The Simpsons "Heaven & Hell" YP are inspired to examine their faith & church. -

All ages - Duration 1hr 15mins.

**2) Discussion - "Prayer"**

Bruce Almighty, 'Jim Carey inspires YP' to think about prayer & reliance on God. - All ages - Duration 1hr.

**3) Arts & Crafts - "This is my Story"**

Using fabric paints customise your jeans, T-shirts or a bandana with your story. Activity cost £1 p/p.

**4) Reflection- "Living it Up"**

Using games, food & discussion, YP are presented with the idea that life is for living and God is with us on the journey. Uses BCYS Wristbands @ £1each.

**5) Games - Storyboarding**

By using superheroes, YP can create their own stories to examine responsibility in their own lives. Suitable for all ages

❖ **Parish Leaders Network Meetings**

o North Staffs Deanery - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, Holy Trinity, Newcastle, 7.30pm

o Stafford/Lichfield Deaneries - no dates planned at the moment

If you are involved (or would like to be involved) in youth work in your parish, come along & see what's going on.

❖ **Young Adults Mass & Social** - The next Mass is; Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at St Michaels, Moor Street, Birmingham at 7.30pm, followed by refreshments.

Forthcoming events:

**April 4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Alton Castle Weekend (Yr5 - 9)

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** Leaders networking meeting (North Staffs Deanery), Holy Trinity, Newcastle 7.30pm

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** Area 5-a-side Tournament

**June 27<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>** REACT Youth Festival, Oscott College

**July 8<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>** World Youth Day, Sydney, Australia

For further details of any of the above items, or any comments you would like to make, please come along to our networking meetings, or don't hesitate to contact me, or see our website at [www.bcys.co.uk](http://www.bcys.co.uk)  
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