

Youth Group

Youth Group has enjoyed an exciting and interesting year. The Youth Group continues to have steady numbers with around 10-15 youth as a part of St Aidan's. Youth group continues to meet on Friday nights and Sunday morning with more youth tending to attend on Sunday morning.

The first big event for the youth this year was E-Fest run by Anglican Youth Ministries (AYM). St Aidan's had 9 youth group members attend (including leaders) which is the biggest number of youth from St Aidan's to ever attend the camp. It was a great experience for them and was encouraging to see the response from our youth on the final night of camp as they prayed for each other.

In August we said thank you to Conor as he moved on to Lifewise after 5 years as youth pastor. Conor has been a huge part of the youth group over his time as youth pastor and we were happy that we were able to give him a proper thank you for all the work that he had put into the youth group over his time with us.

We were once again excited to have two members of our youth, Brandon and Asher, as a part of the AYM BOLD (Building Outstanding Leaders and Disciples). It is awesome to have more of our youth involved in this programme to help them grow as leaders and disciples. While they are not able to go to Fiji this time, they are able to look forward to joining with Te Tai Tokerau for a bicultural exchange once alert levels allow for this to happen.

It has been great to see the youth continue to be a valuable part of the St Aidan's community and to see the involvement that many of them continue to have. Even while in lockdown for the past two months, the youth have been still been engaging with each other on Friday and Sunday over zoom, and have been willing to record different parts for a service if needed. I look forward to being able to meet in person again sometime soon and to keep the momentum going into the new year.

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