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The Bromley's


Welcome to the Bromley's newsletter,

where we try to keep you informed, up to date with the stories and aware of all that is happening in YFC land. Hope you enjoy the read.

This year we had a stunning YFC staff conference, I thought you would enjoy seeing all the staff below. They are a fantastic bunch and it is a real privilege to be able to work alongside them.

The last few months have been unusual with the resignation of Roy as National Director and the appointment of Gavin Calver to replace him. From Richard's point of view it has been a time to really focus on the Centres and do his best to maintain stability through a lot of change.

We hope you enjoy reading our news, don't forget to let us know how things are with you.



I am delighted to have been appointed as the new National Director of Youth for Christ. It is with great excitement that I take up this post and look forward to all that the Lord will do. YFC is a team ministry and I wanted to thank you personally for your involvement. Your love, prayers and support for Richard and Denise are invaluable. You play such an important part in the ministry of taking the Good News relevantly to every young person in Britain. Please continue to stand with us. Thanks again,

Gavin Calver
National Director Youth for Christ

Richard Denise Sarah & Ryan



Denise

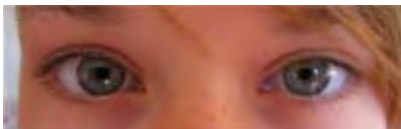


Denise continues to be treasurer for Ryan's football team and is going on tour in May with Ryan and his team to Great Yarmouth. They are sharing a caravan with 2 other women and their lads.



She has survived 25 years of marriage, Richard's practical jokes, humour and trying to see how many houses he can live during his life time! We are all off to Holland for 5 days to celebrate, hoping the car will make it.

Sarah



Since we last wrote so much has happened for Sarah. She has had her prom night where she was whisked off to the ball in a fire engine. She has attended Soul Survivor with the Baptist Church Youth Fellowship which she has become part of, for the first time which



she thoroughly enjoyed. She is also still involved in leading one of the services at our church.

She is now in lower sixth at Blue Coat studying, history, art, sociology and English. We are just at that point where she is facing "AS" exams, so the pressure is on. She is also having to think about what she will do after her A levels. This is quite challenging as at this point she is not sure what she wants to do, so she would value your prayers.

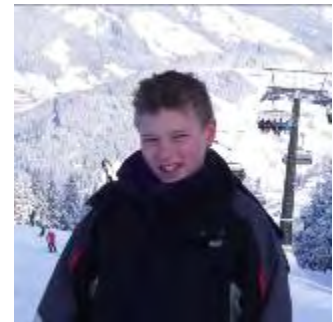


She has also got herself a job at Pizza Hut. This has given her a new level of financial independence which she is thoroughly enjoying, (certainly made life easier for us). She turns 17 in May which means she can drive so we are looking for a low insurance group old car for her, so if you hear of any going cheap, please let us know.

Ryan



Ryan has become a teenager, images of Kevin and Perry do not work for him, he is a lovely lad just getting a bit more assertive. He continues to play for his school and Sunday league football teams. When he is not playing football he is watching it on TV, if it's not on TV then he is playing it on the Xbox. You can see this is quite major in his life.



His highlight of late has been a trip to Austria Skiing, which while he missed home seems to have been a real blast. His low light in life is having to get the bus to school every morning, he just doesn't seem to enjoy this at all. He has recently had to choose his options for Year 10 and is doing history, PE and business studies.

He has got more and more involved in his youth group lately, he's just completed the World Vision 24 hour famine, which for Ryan was a real challenge. He's been on the Fort Rocky residential and is planning to get Confirmed on Easter Saturday in the evening at Coventry Cathedral.

Richard



Richard's life has three main compartments, YFC, church and family. After getting ordained last year he has now taken up the role as Curate at St Bartholomew's, Binley. This has involved leading services, preaching and taking occasional offices, these being Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings. So far he has done loads of baptisms, including having the privilege of baptising Scarlet, his niece. This term has been all about funerals, an area where he is out of his comfort zone. Next term is all about weddings. On the 4th July he will be ordained Priest at Coventry Cathedral.

YFC

Richard has resigned from the Rejesus and Youthwork Executives. He had been on them for many years and it felt like time for a change and for new blood in there. On the other side of the coin he has got more involved in Youth for Christ Internationally, spending 10 days out in South

Africa recently and connecting more with the European This is partly due to the fact that he has on his team Judy who oversees the International work. YFC have a number of interns overseas as well as some great opportunities for short term missions – see below for details.



One of the positive things to come out of this trip was Youthwork raised £10,000 for a new mini bus for Zimbabwe Youth for Christ, they are really struggling and face huge needs, so it's great to be able to support them

The Local Ministries team has changed with Rob Ryan leaving to be ordained and Liz Etherton replacing him. Liz is a wonderful woman with huge gifts and enthusiasm and she will be looking after the South of England, while Richard looks after the North. Graeme Brooks and his team continue to look after Scotland.



Over Easter we are really excited about the fact that we will be launching Llandudno YFC. This has come out of a YFC event called ECG which takes place in the town. YFC has been involved in Llandudno for many years, but this is the first time we have been able to establish something as solid as a Centre. This is the first Centre in Wales for many years.

Personal Support

Youth for Christ is a faith ministry committed to mission in the UK. All our staff are asked to raise 50% of their salary costs. This enables us to take the good news of Jesus Christ relevantly to a huge number of people in this country. We would love to see 5 new supporters supporting us at £25 a month to help us move towards our target. Currently we are at 36.5%. Could you be one of these new supporters?

Invitation

You are very welcome to attend Richard's priesting at Coventry Cathedral on the 4th July

It kicks off at 7pm and will last a couple of hours.



YFC SUMMER TEAM OPPORTUNITIES

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Challenges for Prayer

- Please pray for Sarah as she considers what to do after her A levels.
- Praise God for Liz, please pray for her as she settles into the role.
- Please pray for Denise and the huge amount of work she needs to get through as the ministry continues to grow.
- Please pray for Richard as he balances Youth for Christ, Family and the Curacy.
- Please pray for Ryan as he gets Confirmed and continues to grow in his faith.
- Please pray for God's provision. It is a continuing challenge to keep our personal support figures up. We are currently at 36.5%
- Please pray for Gavin Calver as he leads the Leadership Team.
- Praise God for all the things he is doing through YFC.

Prayer Diary

April

1st Meeting with Directors
5th Leading Service at St Barts
7th Management Meetings
8th Meeting in Liverpool
10th Leading Good Friday Service
11th Confirmation Cathedral
12th Easter Sunday Service
13th-17th Holland
23rd Leadership Team Meeting
24th Meetings with staff in London
26th Leading at St Barts -Morning
Baptism – afternoon
27th Speaking at Queens College
28th Birmingham YFC meeting
30th Meeting with spiritual director

May

1st Sophia Meeting – London
3rd Leading Service at St Barts
5th Leadership Team Meeting
6th- 8th Senior Staff Retreat
12th Management meeting
13th-14th Scotland Focus Days
19th Office day – Halesowen
20th Judging Trust Awards
21st Youthwork meeting – London
27th Birmingham YFC
24th Leading service at St Barts
26th Management meeting
27th Local Ministry Training
31st Leading Service at St Barts

June

3rd-4th Leadership Team away
4th Full team Meeting
6th Speaking St Boniface
7th Leading Service at St Barts
9th Management meeting
10th BYFC Board Meeting
14th Baptism at St Barts
17th Local Ministry Conference
19th Youthwork Meeting
21st Leading Service at St Barts
27th Doing Wedding jointly
28th Leading Service at St Barts
29th Focus Day – Taunton
30th Focus Day – Birmingham

July

1st-3rd Ordination Retreat – Warwick
4th Ordination
5th Leading Service at St Barts
7th Management Meeting
8th BYFC Board Meeting
9th Focus Day – Bradford
13th Leadership Team Meeting
20th Rejesus meeting – London
21st Birmingham YFC meeting
22nd Leadership Team Meeting
25th Doing wedding at St Barts
26th Leading Service at St Barts
28th Office day – Halesowen
29th Scotland Team - Aberdeen



*Thanks for all your love and support.
All the best*

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