

The Parish of The Sherbornes with Pamber

Video conferencing with Young People

In these extraordinary times, with church services suspended and being unable to run our weekly youth groups, we are using virtual meet-ups to enable our young people to get together and learn more about the Bible.

We will avoid use of Skype / Facetime as these are social media tools and as such share contact details with all users, which may inadvertently connect young people with other people as an unintended consequence.

We have selected and will use the Zoom video conferencing platform. Users only need an email address for account setup.

In order to formalise this process, following a successful trial and having received PCC approval at its meeting on 18th May 2020, we need to formalise parental consent which will be undertaken by obtaining email confirmation from a parent of each child that they are agreeable to their child taking part.

During the trial period an email invitation has been sent out each week which explains what we are doing, the date and time of the video conference session and how to join the session.

The parents then log their child onto the session at the appropriate time.

Points to note

- Normal youth group rules apply regarding recruitment of leaders and safeguarding rules. There are at least 2 safely recruited youth leaders present who would normally have 'real time' contact with this group, present during each session. Both leaders are logged in and live before young people arrive. We aim to use the same time slot each week.
- Codes of conduct – appropriate behaviour for leaders will be followed as you would expect in the usual youth group setting.
- As always, we will be inclusive – any young people from the group who would struggle to participate are considered.
- The sessions will NOT BE RECORDED
- The age groups currently meeting are Explorers ages 4-9: and Pioneers ages 10-13. Explorers meet at 11.15am after the morning streamed service and Pioneers at 3pm on Sunday afternoon.
- If we add or amend any of the above groups they will follow the same guidelines.

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25