

September 2008, Fishponds

To: All Young People

in the East Bristol Partnership

Concerning a discussion group

Dear

In February and May 2008 Keith and I organised alternative services on a Sunday afternoon under the title *Welcome, Word and Worship (www)*. Among other things during *www* we shared our ideas about certain topics (calling, leadership and Moses; inspiration, conscience, guidance and the Holy Spirit), talked and read the bible to find if it would speak to us on the topics we had talked about. Some young people came and we found this was a part of *www* which they appreciated.

As the purposes for which we started *www* do not seem to be met in an efficient way by these meetings we have decided to discontinue *www* for now. At the same time I do not want to discontinue the opportunity for young people (between 15 and 30) to come together, discuss issues that concern them, and look together for guidance from the bible and God. This opportunity can be better created in a different format from *www*.

This is why I would like to invite you to the first series of a discussion group for young people: www.y.p.community. We will meet on four Saturday evenings (November 8 till November 29) at 6.30 pm for about one and a half hours at 11 Vicars Close, Fishponds. I would like to look at the image brands and brand names create, the role of technology (internet, tv, phone) in our life, questions of war and peace and the search for true knowledge. I would like to link these topics to the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

It would also be good to hear what you would like to discuss so later sessions (e.g. four Saturday nights in February) could be based around topics you bring. We could also have some fun together in the form of a Christmas party or games or maybe something you would like to do together.

Please let me know whether you are coming or not, and if not please let me know why, so that we can think of things to do which people will want to and be able to come to.

See you on Saturday the 8th of November at 6.30!

Best Wishes,



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