

# A word from THE BISHOP OF SHREWSBURY

In recent decades, we have, as a nation, forgotten to pass on our Christian faith to the next generation. So home is no longer the natural place to learn about following Jesus Christ.



Shrewsbury Youth For Christ has built a great reputation for engaging schools with both the attractiveness and challenges of following Jesus today. Gaining the trust of students, staff and governors, SYFC is making a huge impact on the lives of young people for good. Together, let's ensure the good work goes on. Please join me in personally supporting SYFC.

Bishop Mark Rylands

# A word from OUR CENTRE DIRECTOR



At Shrewsbury Youth for Christ we believe in a God who loves to see transformation - of lives, of schools and of communities. And we are so excited that he calls us to journey with him on this adventure!

As we continue to take the good news into schools across Shrewsbury, it is our hope that young people will also be equipped and encouraged to do the same. We would love to invite you to join us on this journey and partner with us by praying, volunteering or giving - come and join the adventure with us!

Hannah Moore

## SUPPORT SHREWSBURY YOUTH FOR CHRIST

To ensure that s-yfc can carry on with this exciting work in local schools and colleges we need to raise an additional £10,000 per year.

Could you support the work of s-yfc?

Please send us an email at the address below or simply fill in the form and send it back to us at our postal address.

Yes! I would like to help s-yfc!

Name: .....

Email: .....

Phone number: .....

Address: .....

- I'd like to have a chat about volunteering
- I'd like to receive Monthly e-news
- I'd like to receive a termly newsletter
- I'd like to find out more about how I can give to s-yfc

Alternatively you can make a gift to s-yfc online by visiting: [www.give.net/shrewsburyyfc](http://www.give.net/shrewsburyyfc)

Or download a regular giving form from: [www.s-yfc.org/give](http://www.s-yfc.org/give)

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TAKING GOOD NEWS RELEVANTLY TO EVERY YOUNG PERSON IN SHREWSBURY

# OUR AIMS

We've spent some time over the last year reviewing the work we do and the way that we do it. As a part of this process we now have the following aims:

- ➔ To encourage and disciple young Christians in their ongoing journey to love and follow Christ and to train and release young Christians to be good news in their families, schools and communities.
- ➔ To create opportunities, inside and outside of school, for young people to encounter Jesus and His followers.
- ➔ To respond to the needs of local schools and colleges by providing practical and spiritual support.
- ➔ To train and release local volunteers to work alongside us in seeing the good news being taken to every young person in Shrewsbury.
- ➔ To work with local churches and create genuine partnership in reaching out to young people in Shrewsbury.
- ➔ To create a network of Christian youth workers across Shropshire for inspiration, encouragement and prayer.



# OUR WORK (currently)

Here's a quick run down of the work that s-yfc are currently engaged in:

## Assemblies ➔

s-yfc regularly take assemblies in many secondary schools, especially during the Christian festivals - Christmas and Easter. The team are available to deliver assemblies with a Christian perspective on any subject.

## Lessons ➔

s-yfc are available to give a Christian perspective as part of the school's RE curriculum. As well as RE lessons, we are happy to be involved in other aspects of the school curriculum including Citizenship, Sex and Relationships Education and Focus Days.



## Chaplaincy ➔

s-yfc are involved in one of the local sixth form colleges, with the broad aim of serving the college both practically and spiritually. This involves assisting the Christian Union group on campus and holding on off events

## ➔ Youth Gospel Choir

s-yfc run a youth gospel choir for young people from a wide range of schools and churches. As well as creating some amazing music, the Youth Gospel Choir provides mentoring opportunities for young leaders as well as a safe place for young people to meet.

# OUR WORK (new projects starting in 2014)

We are excited about starting some brand new projects in 2014!

## ➔ Mission Academies

Starting in Spring 2014, Mission Academies will be coming to Shrewsbury. These academies aim to put young people at the heart of local mission by giving them opportunities to be change-makers in their schools and communities.

## Music + Media Mentoring ➔

Also starting in January is a project being pioneered by s-yfc in one of our local schools. This program will use media projects run over a number of weeks to support young people in school through targeted mentoring.

## ➔ Prayer Spaces in schools

During 2014 we hope to start a number of 'Prayer Spaces' in local secondary schools. Prayer Spaces in Schools enable children and young people to explore faith and spirituality from a broadly Christian perspective in a safe, creative and interactive way

We are also hoping to launch more Christian Union groups in schools and colleges, run sex and relationships courses in schools and work with gap year students from the UK and overseas.