



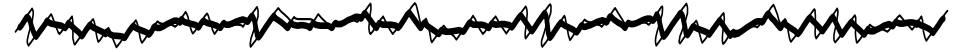
If you are aged 12 or over and live anywhere near Parbold Douglas come along to **Release**, a free event on Friday 1st July at 7.30pm. Craig Abbott will be speaking on the theme 'What's next?' and the evening will also include worship and testimony. More information from Rev Simon Glynn 01257 462350 simon@simonglynn.plus.com

One Summer Knight; an evening of fun and challenge on Saturday 25th June 6pm till 10pm at Camelot Theme Park. The theme park is closed to the general public so you will have exclusive use of all the rides, plus the opportunity to listen to music from 'The Steels' and challenging discussions with Martin Dickson. Tickets cost £13.00 and can be obtained from www.urbansaints.org/onesummerknight



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THE YOUTH MAILING FOR BLACKBURN DIOCESE



May 2011



"Pile your troubles on God's shoulders—he'll carry your load, he'll help you out" Psalm 55:22

This term is always a hard one in the life of those at school or college or university particularly because it's exam season. Having said that, every term now seems to be exam season but this term more than any other feels more stressful. I think that this is partly due, as well as the exam stress, to the thought that this is the end of something. It might just be the end of one school year to the next but for many it is the end of your time in one particular place and you will be thinking about what comes next. In times like this, it can be helpful to look at the Psalms and be inspired by those people of God who faced enormous trials and hardships and yet still could praise Him. The conclusion to the Psalm quoted above is 'But as for me, I trust in you' - a determination that whatever life throws at us, and whatever else other people are doing, we will still trust in God. Recently, we ran the Confirmation Camp for young people at Hothersall Lodge and one of the activities I was conned into doing was climbing an enormous tree (probably the biggest in the world) and sliding off a tiny ledge attached to a thin rope. It is at times like this that I offer desperate prayers of trust and hope that I will once again feel the ground beneath my feet. That feeling of fear of being at the end of a ledge, not really being sure that the rope is strong enough to hold you is a feeling that some of you might have at this time. I hope that during this term, you will take time out from revision and thinking about the future and turn to God's word and be fed by Him through it. I also hope that the activities and events that we have planned that are highlighted in this mailing will offer the opportunity for you to have some fun, meet up with other Christians and ultimately lead you to experience and worship God.

Craig



2011 Confirmation Camp: Y Follow? at Hothersall Lodge

Thirty-six young people enjoyed a great weekend of outdoor activities, games, teaching and inspiring worship at Hothersall Lodge near Longridge at the Confirmation Camp in May. Based on the theme *Y Follow?* those who came were challenged to keep on following Jesus. As well as spiritual challenges, there were plenty of physical challenges, including jumping into the canoeing lake and abseiling down a large tree. Challenges of a different kind were faced in our very own *I'm at Hothersall get me out of Here!* experience, from eating a range of crazy random items to putting their hands in a tub of live mealy worms. If you'd like to be part of next year's Confirmation Camp and are aged 10—14, look out for



information in our next mailing and keep the weekend of 18-20 May 2012 free.

"It's helped me keep running the race and believing in Jesus despite the hurdles"

Happening is a residential weekend event designed especially for confirmed Anglicans aged 15 to 19 years, although people from other denominations are welcome. Blackburn Happening takes place at Whalley Abbey beginning on Friday evening 9th September 2011 and ending with the closing Eucharist on Sunday afternoon 11th September. In between there is a varied programme which includes talks given by young team members or the clergy, discussions in small groups, music, worship and activities. Happening is a time to experience Christian fellowship, have lots of fun and laughter and make new friends. In a relaxed informal atmosphere there is time to be quiet with God or to talk with one of the Spiritual Advisers. There is also plenty of good food and the freedom to enjoy yourself whilst participating fully in the 'Happening Experience.' If you wish to go on the next Happening then send in for a booking form to: **Susan Morley, Hill House, Treales Road, Treales, Preston PR4 3SR** Email: morleysusan@hotmail.com or telephone: 01772671137 (evenings) if you have any questions.

Re-source 2011 :Led astray?

Diocesan Youth Conference

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th September 2011

Myerscough College, Bilsborrow, Preston.

For 16 to 24 year olds



There are still plenty of places available for this year's diocesan youth conference.

For 2011, the Year of the Bible, Re-source 2011, **Led Astray?** will look into the Bible to see what it has to say about leadership God's way. How does God shape us for leadership? What does it mean to be a servant leader? Taking risks, tackling challenges, celebrating life and grasping God's vision. **Led Astray?** an opportunity for young people to get together and be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to follow and serve God. A team from the Board of Education along with young people who have been involved in Re-source in previous years are putting together a varied and unique programme of teaching sessions, worship, art, sport, chill out time and space to reflect, pray and chat. The cost is £85.00 for the full weekend and we hope your church will be able to pay for you to go. Booking forms enclosed with this mailing or download one at www.bdeducation.org.uk