

YOUTH NEWS



ECT Youth Club term dates 2024 - 2025

- 13th September - term starts.
- 1st November - half term.
- 13th December - End of term.
- 10th January - term starts.
- 17th February - half of term.
- 7th April - End of term.



Satellites Group 24

Satellites Festival

In August of this year thirteen young people and three leaders attended the Satellites festival hosted by Youthscape.

For seven of those young people, it was their first time attending. This was held at the Bath & West show ground over a period of four days, and what a fantastic four days it was seeing up to three thousand young people attending.

There was a great time of worship and teaching in the main meetings as well as some fantastic activities laid on by the hosts.

We already have a number of our young people asking to sign up to return next summer.

ECT Youth Club

Since the beginning of May ECT's Friday Youth club has been going through a very challenging period with the loss of the Riverside building as a venue.

The club has been running sessions at the WI Hall in Edenbridge, with reduced activities due to having no storage. We are currently looking for a new home for the club.

In addition, we have had to suspend the Thursday sessions for our older youth whilst we search for a suitable venue.

On a positive note, at the beginning of September, we had a number of new year six young people attend for the first time and we are hoping to build on this moving forward. Activities have included crafts and games, Swing ball, indoor football and a movie night as well as just being able to socialise with their friends.

Help for Sheila

We would like to invite you to come on board! - There is a current need for a few adults willing to join in the work of our wonderful fundraiser Shelia Stapleton. Working together with her to fundraise and raise the profile of ECT. Training is available and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information, please contact Anthony.



Prayer Points

- For all the volunteers who make ECT's work possible.
- For a new permanent venue for the Youth Club
- For continued funds for the work of ECT.
- For the children and youth that Anthony & the volunteers meet with each day.
- For God to provide the volunteers we need in various roles.
- For us to be able to continue our activities and reach out to all.
- For the plans & preparations for all residential in 2025.

We are always in need of volunteers in many areas of work within ECT.

The ONE to ONE mentor group needs helpers for 1 hour on a Tuesday evening during term time.

Could you help with fundraising? Run an activity? Or donate your time and skills in any other way? Please get in touch!

In August ECT was able to offer a trip to Chessington World of Adventures theme park.

Fourteen Young people attended this day for lots of fun and thrills and a great day was had by all.

Our thanks go to the volunteers who helped look after the group throughout the day.

House Group

ECT house group sessions, bi-weekly on a Sunday evening from the Bridges centre.

This group is for young people aged 11–19 who want to learn more about the Christian faith.

This includes age-appropriate topical discussions and some great food and games.

We have 10 young people from different churches coming together and taking part in this group.

ONE to ONE

The sessions have continued to run well with eight young people regularly attending the two sessions provided.

It's great to be able to listen to what these young people have to say, and to be able to come alongside them to encourage and support them in different ways.

We have an amazing team of mentors from all walks of life who give up their time to enable this important project to continue.

We are looking for more helpers to bring these sessions up to capacity.

School Clubs

ECT is currently running two oversubscribed after school clubs in both Hever and Crockham Hill schools, with a further two lunch time clubs at Edenbridge primary and Four Elms schools.

This is a great way for our youth leader to build relations with young people and to get them involved in other activities ECT has to offer within the Edenbridge community.

ECT Website

Eden Christian Trust has a great website with lots of information about ECT activities and a number of useful links to helpful resources. Please have a look at www.ectyouth.com