

Youth Partnership Group – Pontop Partnership by Father Kevin Dixon, Dean of Pontop Partnership



Prior to the launch of our Partnership we had a Youth Development Group that had run successfully over a number of years but had perhaps lost focus and direction in more recent times. Following on from the Area Mission a new group emerged who felt called to outreach to our young people.

Where to begin? It was felt that we needed to focus on children in Years 5 and 6 and early Secondary School years. To raise enthusiasm we took a representative group of children and parishioners from across our schools to 'The Event' at Hebburn. Both children and adults came away enthused and feeling that we could organise and host similar events within our own partnership. From there we brought Cody Kettner to lead a praise and worship evening within our partnership which saw 50-60 children and an encouraging number of adults from all generations coming together to worship as one. Following on from the Worship Evening the Development Group has met a number of times. Our aim is to host similar worship events once a term within the partnership. The fruits of our Area Mission are to see parishes and schools, people of different generations working collaboratively to meet the needs of our young people.



[A prayer station](#)