



Another half term is behind us, so I wanted to quickly give you all an update on how my role is going and what the project will look like as we slowly transition out of lockdown.

I'm sorry that I haven't seen many of you for a long time. Due to the nature of my job, both SWYM and the project, I have more face-to-face contact with people, and I want to keep you all safe, which is why I haven't attended church in person for a while.

I also spend many hours on Zoom every week for work, so the weekend is a chance for me to switch off from all my screens and get mentally ready for another week. Hopefully as we transition out of lockdown, that will change, and I will soon see many of you in person again. Until then, I just wanted to thank you all for your continued support and prayers. God has and is doing some amazing things, which I'm excited to share with you:

Zoom Youth Group

We have continued running the Zoom youth group, a joined venture between the Baptist and the Parish Church, as well as a team from GLO Torbay. The young people are growing in confidence to share on Zoom, and we enjoy playing games together and growing in faith together.

Some are finding it really hard to do youth group on Zoom, so we hope that soon, we will be able to do face to face youth work again, to reconnect with those young people who struggled with Zoom.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for us as a team, as we try to work out what the next few stages of transitioning back to face to face youth work look like.
- Please pray, especially for those young people who have struggled with Zoom, to feel supported and excited about the prospect of doing youth group in person again.

Schools Work: Chudleigh and Chudleigh Knighton

Since the beginning of January, I've been doing all of my schools work from home. I've created weekly assembly videos for both schools, I've been working on a video project for Easter, and I've been involved in the mental health team, organising activities for mental health week (which happened in February).

During this lockdown, I started something new for the schools. I ran Zoom Games Clubs one for each Key Stage in both schools. The clubs were for all the children who have been home-schooled, so that I could still have contact with them, and they didn't feel left out, due to not being in school. The engagement we had from the children, has been amazing.

Chudleigh: On average we had 20-30 children from KS1 and 45-50 children from KS2 each week.

Chudleigh Knighton: We had around 50% of all the children who were home-schooled from KS1 and 75% from KS2.

The feedback I received from the schools and the parents has been very encouraging. God opened that door for us during this lockdown which has been amazing. As of next week, I will be transitioning back to face-to-face work in both schools. However, some of the online contents, might continue too.

Prayer points:

- Please pray that I would be able to use the momentum I build through the zoom clubs to build more connections and relationships with the children in school.
- Please pray for safety for all the staff, children and myself, as we go back into school.

Thank you very much everyone. Blessings.

Maren