

# Refine

## 14-18 Youth Ministry at Christchurch, St. Albans

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Hello Refiners and Refiner's Parents!

This newsletter is to keep you posted on some of what we're up to and to let you know of the changes that are happening to Refine this year.

### **Our mission...!**

...is still the same as when we first started: *"To encourage, nurture, mentor and empower the youth of Christ Church to be confident in their own faith and able to share Jesus with others."* Our desire is for every young person of Christ Church to be in a place where they can experience God in a real and personal way.

### **Newbies welcome...!**

Welcome to those who are coming to Refine for the first time this year! We'll look after you, we promise!

### **This term's highlights...!**

A new term of Refine started last Sunday. This first half of the term we'll be focussing on the character of St. Paul during the teaching session. Other highlights this term are the Refine Weekend Away (which is the first weekend in November – your returned forms as soon as possible please!), two fab socials, visits to Soul Survivor and our continuing 'servant evangelism' called SING ('Soul In New Greens'). What more could you want...?!

### **It's organic...!**

Refine is organic! It changes term on term, year on year as the leadership team receive feedback to the end of year questionnaires and as we learn to try and best suit the needs of those who attend. If we sometimes get it wrong we're sorry. Refine has never just been the Sunday evening meetings but also consists of mid-week cell groups. We still feel strongly that Refine should be more than its Sunday meetings but this term we're being less prescriptive about Refiners joining cell groups. Those who are happy in cell groups and are able to grow within them, carry on! Everyone's different though and so for others we think the best place to promote openness and growth might lie in joining a small prayer group. For some it may be that just attending Sunday evenings is all that they can manage. Whichever part of Refine you feel led to attend we want you to know that we very much value each one of you.

### **WWW...!**

Thanks to the hard work and sooper-doooper brain-box skills of two Refiners, this term we're going live on the web! The site will have an overview of Refine, will contain details of events past, present and future, it'll have an interactive prayer page, photos, a blog and much more! Final changes are being made and content thoroughly checked – watch this virtual space!

### **Pray for us...!**

We would be very grateful if you would keep us in your prayers – thank you!

If there's any aspect of Refine that you'd like to discuss with us please don't hesitate to get in touch – we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you, God bless, The Refine Leadership Team.