

# Refine

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

Hello Refiners & Refiner's parents! This annual update is to let you know about changes taking place in Refine in 2007/2008!

## **Refine, restart...!**

Refine dumps the clutch, selects first gear and stomps on the accelerator on Sunday 9th September, 7.15pm–9.00pm at The Shack! It will be *fantastico* to see you there! We're so sad to have said goodbye to a lot of cool Refiners last year: Sam L, Susie B, Geri S, Tyrone H, Michael J and Anna S >*many-tears*<... but we'll welcome brand new Refiners who'll be coming to Refine for the first time >*yippedy-yay!*<. (We promise we'll look after you!)

## **Over For Underg...**

Mark & Becky Underwood have been with Refine from its start w-a-a-a-y back in 2002 but they feel called to move on to new things. We'll miss them! Have no fear though as Oliver & Gillian Donald and Séan & Susie Ryan are staying on!

## **Size matters...!**

So Refine will be smaller this term, fewer leaders, perhaps fewer Refiners and small groups. But hey, they don't make diamonds the size of bricks! (Think about it!) With fewer people overall we really *-really-* want to encourage you to come to Refine as often as you can – and to invite any friends you think might find Refine their thing. Go on, you know the one...

## **The mission...**

...is as constant as a thing that's always been the same: *"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"* ...and to have fun! We'd love it if everyone could find a place where they experience God in a real and personal way.

## **Pay and hole...!**

We *love* reading your end of term questionnaires! We try to make Refine be the best fit it can for those who attend – but if we sometimes get things wrong we're sorry, and whichever parts of Refine you feel led to attend we want you to know that we value each one of you. Refine has never just been large group meetings but also about small groups too. Last year we had a mix of large group meetings and leader-led small group meetings and overall you seemed to like this, so this year is more of the same – *plus* there's a chance for us all to meet at the scheduled events / socials! See the term timetable!

## **Oooh, aah... moo...?**

The classic combination of bonfire night fireworks and random nighttime meetings with cows? It must be the Refine Weekend Away! Fri Nov 2 – Sun Nov 4, Chellington – details and consent form on the website!

## **Shiver and shake (donation tins)...!**

December's not far away and - hotdiggedy - that means it's the Sleepout! This year the Sleepout takes place on Friday 7th December, 9.00pm–7.00am at the Cathedral. Please sign up on the notice board near the office, find a cardboard box and most importantly start collecting sponsorships! Anyone who'd like to come to the Sleepout this year will need to complete Refine's permission form (if under 18) which will need to be signed by a parent / guardian and returned to us by Sunday 18th November. We can take some of your friends but for this event only if we already know them and numbers may be limited. You'll also all need to complete the Sleepout registration form and bring it on the night – see the Refine website 'Happenings' section for information and links to forms. Remember, as the Sleepout organisers say: *'no tents, footballs, stereos or alcohol'* (...and they're not just speaking to the leaders... speaking of which, we're short on leaders for the Sleepout so please pester a parent to come!)

## **Timetable...!**

Please don't forget to keep track of what's happening by keeping your Refine term timetable close to hand. It's available on the Refine website 'Happenings' section – please check it every now and again just in case there are changes.

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

Praying works! We'd be really grateful if you would be kind enough to keep us all in your prayers – thank you!

## **Further info...?**

- Check out the Refine website and Facebook group! Add them to your 'favourites'! Start new discussions! View the term timetable! Download permission forms! Browse cool links! Laugh at wacky photos! Play the highly amusing caption competition! Leave a prayer! Chat! *Whatever...*!
- If you have any questions or if you'd like any further information on any aspect of Refine *please* contact any one of us.
- If you'd like to see any previous update letters please contact us or see the Refine website 'Central' section.

Thanks! God bless! The Refine Leadership Team.

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The **Refine** Leadership Team are: Oliver & Gillian Donald, Séan & Susie Ryan.