

St Teresa's, Wirksworth

Churches Together Youth and Children's Worker for Wirksworth

Progress to date

In 2008 Churches Together in Wirksworth and District set up a Youth Worker Steering Group with the aim of appointing and maintaining a part time youth and children's worker in Wirksworth. Claire Butler represents St Teresa's on the group.

The post was advertised recently and interviews were carried out at the beginning of this month.

The group has just appointed Jonathan Fowler to the post, subject to his obtaining a place on the course at St. John's College, Nottingham. St John's have had their numbers capped so there is some question as to whether Jonathan will obtain a place or not. However, there are a couple of other courses available as potential alternatives.

Funding for the project has been obtained by ministry grants from three church's organisations. CTW&D have stated it would be good if every other church could make even a token contribution. St Teresa's position regarding financing the project is that we have no access to funding from outside the parish and we will be hard-pressed to meet our commitments from the parish's income, muchless achieve a surplus to provide funding. This is subject to confirmation when our accounts become available later this year. Despite this, we are looking for some way of making a token financial contribution to the project.

The next meeting of the group is on Wednesday 1st July at 7pm in St Mary's Rectory. *It is particularly important for St Teresa's to be represented at this meeting because, assuming Jonathan gets a place, many decisions about the youth work will have to be made.* The problem is that Claire cannot attend as she has a prior commitment that evening which she is unable to change. CTW&D wants St Teresa's to stay involved and keep 'in the loop'. **Therefore, in order to maintain our involvement in this project, we urgently need someone to go along to this meeting.**

Would anyone willing to help please contact Peter West on 825940 or email petendaf@talktalk.net as soon as possible.

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