

YOUTH NEWS



ECT Youth Club term dates 2024

- 2nd January term starts.
- 12th February – half term.
- 28th March - End of term.
- 15th April term starts.
- 27th May - half of term.
- 23rd July - End of term.



Satellites Group 23

Satellites Festival

In August of last year twelve young people and three leaders attended the first ever Satellites festival hosted by Youthscape.

This was held at the Peterborough show ground over a period of four days, and what a fantastic four days it was seeing up to three thousand young people attending.

There was a great time of worship and teaching in the main meetings as well as some fantastic activities laid on by the hosts.

We already have six of our young people already signed up to return next summer at the at the Bath and West showground in Shepton Mallet.

ECT Youth Club

ECT's Friday Youth club has been extremely busy reaching full capacity an hour before our doors open. We have had many new young people joining us from year 6 since September. The young people have also taken part in a number of activities including crafts and games, a basketball tournament and indoor football and a classic movie night as well as just being able to socialize with their friends.

ECT has continued with the Thursday evening Youth club session that is dedicated to our older youth in school year 9 and up.

Five young people from this group have produced a photographic project that has seen their work put on display in the new Edenbridge medical Centre reception area.

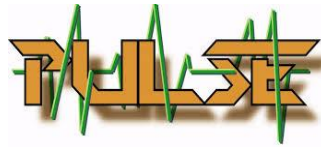
Of course, none of this work would be possible without the help of our dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time to support the young people of Edenbridge.



ECT was also recently nominated as one of ten charities to win an award of £5,000

Help for Sheila

We would like to invite you to come on board! - There is a current need for a few adults willing to join in the work of our wonderful fundraiser Shelia Stapleton. Working together with her to fundraise and raise the profile of ECT. Training is available and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information, please contact Anthony.



Pulse camp 2023 took place at Blackland Farm at the beginning of the summer holidays, and saw 16 young people attending over the weekend. Activities included various crafts and games, Movie nights, face your fear activities including abseiling, canoeing on the lake as well as the low rope course.

There was also some fantastic faith input, all based around PULSE (Prepare, Unite, Love, Serve and Equip). Worship and teaching were led by various leaders, and let's not forget the great food that was on offer! Also, our thanks to Ellie Eyre for leading the Saturday afternoon session.

Prayer Points

- For all the volunteers who make ECT's work possible.
- For continued funds for the work of ECT.
- For the children and youth that Anthony & the volunteers meet with each day.
- For God to provide the volunteers we need in various roles.
- For us to be able to continue our activities and reach out to all.
- For the plans & preparations for all residential in 2024.

We are always in need of volunteers in many areas of work within ECT.

The Thursday night Youth club is in need of helpers – once a month (or more!) for 2 hours on a Thursday evening during term time.

Could you help with fundraising? Run an activity? Or donate your time and skills in any other way? Please get in touch!

House Group

ECT has started up a new house group session being run bi weekly on a Sunday evening. This group is for young people aged 11 – 19 who want to learn more about the Christian faith.

This includes age-appropriate topical discussions and some great food and games.

We have 14 young people from different churches coming together and taking part in this group.

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The sessions have continued to run well with nine young people regularly attending the two sessions provided.

Its great to be able to listen to what these young people have to say, and to able to come alongside them to encourage and support them in different ways.

We have an amazing team of mentors from all walks of life who give up their time to enable this important project to continue.

School Clubs

ECT is currently running two oversubscribed After School clubs in both Hever and Crockham Hill schools, with a further two lunch time clubs at Edenbridge primary and Four Elms schools.

This is a great way for our youth leader to build relations with young people and to get them involved in other activities ECT has to offer within the Edenbridge community.

ECT Website

Eden Christian Trust has a great website with lots of information about ECT activities and a number of useful links to helpful resources. Please have a look at www.ectyouth.com