



Dear Friends

Staying Alive 2010

Now into its 4th year, Staying Alive is now a firm favourite with the young people of the diocese. This year's event runs from Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd August, at Seahouses.

The programme for the event includes worship, learning and workshops of many kinds, all based around our theme which is taken from Jeremiah 29:11 – God has a plan for you. As in previous years we are planning activities in some of the villages in Northumberland where our young people will join with folk from local churches to plan and organise activities which are designed to bless the local community.

The purpose of this letter is three fold.

1. To launch Staying Alive 2010 and bring it to the attention of clergy and PCCs across the Diocese – to ask for your prayerful support to enable our young people to better understand their place in the world, at school and in their church. A poster is enclosed. We would ask you to put it on your church notice board with the appropriate details completed.
2. To ask you to publicise the event among your young people. Space is limited at Seahouses so applications will be treated on a first-come, first served basis. We are particularly keen to publicise this event among young people in our rural parishes where they may be the only teenager in the church.. If you know of such young people we would ask you especially to let them know about this event.

Enclosed is an application form for you to pass to your youth leaders or young people direct. Please feel free to photocopy extras. The applications need to be returned to Staying Alive, c/o Church House with a deposit of £10 (cheques should be made payable to NDBF by 3rd April 2010. If we have more applicants than there are places we will set up a reserve list.

3. To ask you to consider sponsoring part of this exciting event. We are hoping to keep the costs as low as possible but as you can imagine there are costs associated with mounting such an event which need to be met. We are setting the cost for the event at £50, (with reductions for families with 3 or more siblings) but, dependent on how much finance we can raise from other sources, would like to reduce this if possible. Any donation from PCCs, however small will be gratefully received and put to good use. A sponsor form is attached for your use.

It may be that there are young people in your parish who would like to attend but whose families could not afford even this modest charge. You may like to consider making a contribution directly to them.

We are very excited about this event and we hope you share our enthusiasm. If you need any more information please contact one of us,

Yours in Christ,

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