

The Connection

Summer 2022



Welcome to our latest update.

As summer starts to come alive around us, we are surrounded by the wonders of God's creation. Much of it is delicate, yet complex by design and fleeting in nature, so in order to enjoy its beauty, we need to grasp the opportunity whilst it's there.

We are made in God's image with a sense of humour and excitement and the capacity to be at one with our surroundings. As we put our trust in God and let go of our cares, we can better experience the world around us.

Jesus said 'I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness.' We need to get out there and love life, not just live it. And what better time than summer.



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'St John of Beverley – Man, Monk, Miracle worker'

In March we held 2 REaction days in Beverley Minster and St Mary's Church, Beverley. We had two great days switching between the venues and including a pilgrimage through Beverley town centre. The theme of the day was ' St John of Beverley – Man, Monk, Miracle Worker and the thread running through the days was about how elements of the monastic life are useful in our own daily lives as well as how monasteries inspired the first hospitals, schools and foodbanks. Each day included a sensory tour of the two different places of Christian worship through sight, sound and touch.

In a series of workshops, the children looked at aspects of a monk's life from their care for their environment, self-sufficiency and recycling, through the art of beautiful, illuminated manuscripts to their hospitality to travellers and offer of a place of sanctuary and how we can show compassion to those seeking sanctuary in today's world. They got to try out medieval writing and planting seeds.



When Hornsea Burton school were unable to come to Beverley due to high covid cases, we went to them and had a lovely morning, taking our workshops to the school. The students enjoyed singing in Latin, planting seeds and packing for a pilgrimage.



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Big Green Heart

In March we were invited to Sentamu Academy to deliver The Big Green Heart by creator Priscilla Smith and Anne Richards, the Chaplin at the school.

Over the month every student from years 7-10 attended a lesson in the chapel which had been turned into prayer spaces and then at the centre to deliver the BGH to every student.

The BGH invites students to reflect and deal with the unforgiveness in their hearts. It was amazing to see such a positive response from students.

If you would like to learn more about the 'Big Green Heart' forgiveness tool visit www.biggreenheart.org



Continuing our successful collaboration, Adam has started to partner with Cathy Beynon from Beverley Schools Christian Trust (BSCT). He is running a prayer space at Woodmansey Primary School and will be delivering transition workshops and assemblies with Cathy. After half term he will be starting some work at Longcroft Secondary School.

Adam

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Farewell Petra, thank you for all your work and creativity!

Petra came to Label of Love when there had been a big change in the staff team and things were looking very unclear for the future. She stepped in to run REaction and developed it around her own creativity and ideas. It was not an easy job but she stepped up to the challenge wonderfully and kept REaction and Label of Love's other work going, eventually being joined by Adam. As they settled in to working together, the world was hit by Covid and the team had to rapidly change and adapt. Petra again stepped up and stepped right out of her comfort zone to learn how to deliver REaction, Collective Worship and other things in front of a camera instead of face to face. Petra has shown tremendous grit and determination during her years with Label of Love as well as a strong faith, creativity, and desire for children and young people to know they are loved and valued by God.



It is sad to see Petra leave but we are grateful for all she has done and pray that God will bless her even more in the next period of her life. In the meantime, Adam will deliver our work for next term as we think about how things might look in the coming year.

Without Petra Label of Love would probably have come to an end several years ago, and we are grateful for all she did then to keep things going and develop new ways of working.

Farewell Petra, and God bless you.



Charities like Label of Love survive on the generosity of many wonderful people. One of the key areas that this happens is through volunteering. The volunteers make it possible for us to continue, press forward and develop as a charity. Using their various skills, they help to guide and inform the work we do.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in joining the Label of Love team as a volunteer, working with young people in schools and through Christian youth projects, please to get in touch with us to find out more! We would love you to come and join us. Our contact details are at the bottom of the page.

Please pray for new volunteers to join the Label of Love team.



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