

## Free Church Youth Camps 2010

**Comments:** "My main highlight was becoming a Christian!"; "Fantastic atmosphere & team spirit"; "The best bit was the fun we had with the Leaders"; "Didn't like the cold baths or the 4am Challenge or getting up early!"; "It was amazing! God was clearly at work."



444 people went to Free Church Youth Camps in this, its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

That was 317 young people, and 127 Leaders and Cooks. There were also numerous dedicated parents, several ever-helpful bus drivers, some very accommodating Church Officers and one very new administrator, oh and don't forget the colourful Anniversary hoodies! All survived, and indeed are stronger in their faith and



character from their Camp experiences of 2010. I am, and was throughout the Camp Season, very aware of the prayers being petitioned for everyone involved with the Free Church Camps, and I know that there were many occasions where I felt myself being guided and carried by the grace of our Lord.

Camps is a very precious work in the world of the Free Church and it's a great time of discovery, creativity, friendship and bonding, along with lots and lots of fun for all the Campers, Cooks and Leaders involved.



There are, of course, always times set aside at Camp for learning about Christ, praising Him and discussing His saving work for us and this summer, many Campers professed their faith in our Saviour for the first time and some others professed faith shortly afterwards. Other young people had their faith assured and strengthened at Camp. I'd urge you to pray especially for these babes in the Lord, that they might be nourished and continue to grow in their faith, particularly those who don't come from a church background.

So, in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Free Church Camps there is much to be celebrated and much to be thankful for. A wise FC minister once said, "The work of the Free Church Camps is the single most effective evangelical tool the Church has," and this year is testament to the ongoing sowing of seeds which the Gospel requires of us.



Keep an eye out for the next issue of *Free* magazine, where there will be lots of Camp reports and photos. We've also got a Facebook group, called Free Church Youth Camps, funnily enough! So join it at:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=102959853093718> to add your comments, photos, videos and join in the banter.



As the Big Free Rally on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October rapidly approaches (look out for more details very soon!), we'd like to urge congregations to encourage their young people to

come along and to meet with other young Christians.

Offers of minibus drivers gratefully received ☺!



To everyone who took part, in whatever capacity, with the Camps; whether you attended Camp, led or cooked there, or maybe you gave someone a lift to their bus, prayed for young hearts and minds to be opened to the Gospel, or even offered a word of encouragement, I thank you all very sincerely for your prayers, time, hard work, support and dedication to the Free Church Camps – the First 50 Years!

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