

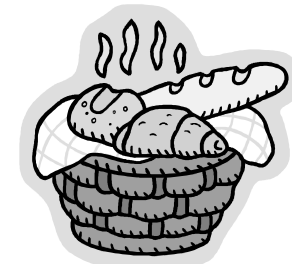


ST MARY'S AND ST MARTIN'S

Youth Group

I C O N

**Investigating Christianity
Over Nosh**



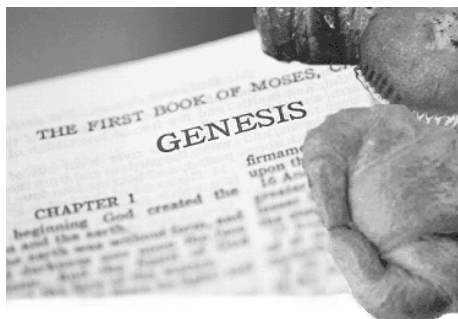
WELCOME TO I.C.O.N. Investigating Christianity Over Nosh



I.C.O.N is a group for 10 to 16 year olds (school years 6 to 11) which meets in the Elsie Martin room in the Parish Centre at 10am on Sunday mornings (except for the 4th Sunday in the month when there is an all age service).

Our aim is to help young people to learn more about Christianity and to encourage them to explore their own relationship with God. We are open to all young people, both boys and girls, and both those who are completely new to church, as well as those who have been a part of our own or any other Junior Church group.

Our sessions start at the same time as the main church service and we begin by sharing breakfast, which can include muffins, pain au chocolate, croissants etc. We then have various activities such as bible study, games, discussions, teaching and special projects. We then join the main congregation for communion and to share with them what we have been doing during our session.



We have been involved in the Christmas nativity play, writing, making props and acting and have an on-going project, producing prayer cards which we sell in aid of the 'Living Room' charity. We get together, on an ad-hoc basis, to produce our prayer cards and we order-in pizzas to sustain the workers.

As a means of beginning to integrate the young people into the main congregation, we are on the Sideman's rota (serving about 4 times a year) and some of our older members are on the reader's rota as well.

We have links with the Stevenage Christian Youth Forum and other churches in the area and through these links our young people share fellowship and worship with other young Christians at various events. These worship events often include a live band and are sometimes based on a particular subject, e.g. Fair-trade issues, the persecuted church in China.

All of our leaders have been C.R.B. checked and a minimum of 2 leaders are present at each session.

New members are always welcome. Copies of this month's program can be found on the notice boards in both the Church and Parish centre.

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