

# IMPACT REPORT

Eccles Youth Ministry

2016-2017

**Eccles Youth Ministry is part of St Andrew's Church in Salford.**

**We work in the community, influencing young people for good. We introduce the young people to moral and spiritual values.**

**We create a safe space so they feel they can be open to our support and the teachings of Christ.**



**1.** We work with after school clubs and Messy Church and our 11-18 youth group, including weekends and camping trips. We are a Christian organisation but we work with children of different faiths and those with no religious beliefs.

**2.** KIDS CLUB is for high school age children. We meet on the third Friday of every month, in the church, for the kids to play sports such as badminton, have refreshments, do arts and crafts, watch films and do bible study.

**3.** JAM CLUB is for younger children. They sing songs, play games, have a story and a prayer at the end. We also have an occasionally weekend away.

**From an 11 year old "I went to Jam Club from Y1 it was really fun and we get stories about Jesus and it's like school but more fun."**

**4.** TODDLER GROUP is for toddlers and their carers and they meet every Tuesday in the church during term time. We provide refreshment for the adults and toddlers as well as play games and an opportunity to make friends.

**5.** MESSY CHURCH is held once a month on Saturday lunchtimes. We are open for all children and their parents and carers are welcome to come along to enjoy games, craft activities, a bible story and a meal.

**From a volunteer "We have really great young people who come to play games and hear about Jesus. They enjoy being with each other. We make it a friendly place to be and the young people feel happy here."**

**6.** The outcomes for the children and young people who attend any of our sessions varies. These include improved friendships, a sharing of a Christian life, having fun, growing stronger and better at team work through their experiences on trips.

**7.** Every May we take the participants from Kids Club away for a residential trip. The children love it and we have lots of outdoor adventure activities. Their firm favourite is the midnight walk where they climb up a hill at night with torches and then tell ghost stories in the dark. Other activities include rock climbing and archery.