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Dear Friends

I hope you had a wonderful and joyous Easter – did you have an Easter Egg hunt, or perhaps put one on or took children / grandchildren along to one? They tend to be things we do for the young, but then as Easter is all about new life – particularly Jesus’ new resurrection life – perhaps it’s appropriate that Easter Egg hunts are for young children.

One of the things the 2021 census reveals is that Rudgwick has a higher proportion of younger people than the national average (6.5% aged 10-14 and 7.2% aged 15-19 compared to 6% and 5.7% respectively). In a village like ours, where public transport is limited, it is really important that our young people have positive things to do.

This is one of the reasons why, for the last 15 years, the Church has provided Rudgwick Youth Centre – a space for young people to come and meet with their friends and socialise. The Youth Centre, headed up by our Youth Pastor Jonny Fossey and helped by a wonderful team of volunteers, is open to all young people of secondary school age from our village and beyond. It provides regular groups during term time for teenagers to come, meet and hang out; one off activities in the school holidays and, for those who are interested, a faith based group where they can explore the big questions of life and find out about the Christian faith.

If you know a young person of secondary school age (or if you are one) who’s ‘hunting’ for something to do this Easter, why not suggest they come along to Rudgwick Youth Centre, where there is plenty of life!

Every blessing

Martin King

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