



Helping Children and Young People to get the best out of life

What is CTG (Churches together in Groby) and who are its representatives?

There are two churches in Groby - the Parish Church of St Philip and St James and the Groby United Reformed Church. We are committed to working together on mission in the village whenever we can. We jointly employed a full-time worker prior to Covid and ran most of our youth children's and family work together. We are now trying to rebuild this working partnership after many outreach initiatives were suspended due to Covid, during which time our then worker moved on. CTG oversees this work and is committed to helping children and young people in partnership with families to get the best out of life through fun activities and inspired learning. With the help of God, we offer them the environment to make trusted friendships in safe places, to explore their faith, and to give back to the community.

The Governing Group of CTG consists of the ministers of the two churches and three members from each church. The Group oversees all CTG responsibilities and activities, including financial matters, and will work closely with the full-time worker and volunteers.

Some of CTG's activities are resourced through our membership in Urban Saints. We also have access to support from both the Diocese and the URC Synod.

CTG also facilitate the Open the Book Team who go into each of the three primary schools delivering assemblies once per month during term time.

We now wish to employ a Children and Youth worker again.

CTG's aims are:

1. To facilitate and develop opportunities for outreach to children, young people, and families
2. To listen to and respond to the needs of the children and young people.
3. To provide varied environments for them to grow and build a healthy relationship with God and friendships with one another.
4. To offer a regular provision of activities where it is safe to discuss moral, ethical and spiritual issues so they can develop informed opinions.
5. To explain the everyday relevance of the Christian message and help them to live lives of faith through Jesus Christ.

6. To enable and equip children, young people and families to reach their full potential as disciples of Jesus Christ.
7. To encourage and develop leadership skills for children, young people and adults.
8. To develop leaders who are positive role models in their attitude, faith, behaviour and lifestyle.
9. To provide an appropriate support framework to care for the personal, emotional and spiritual needs of children, young people and leaders.
10. To build relationships and links with families, schools and the wider community to develop the ongoing work of CTG.