

JUMP Annual Report 2021

2021 started for JUMP with us continuing to meet on Zoom every fortnight on Sunday evenings as we had since March 2020. While meeting in person offers far more opportunities for activities and discussions, we still had great fun with scavenger hunts remaining a key part of most evenings.

From Christmas to Easter, we studied the Youth Wellbeing Journey which is a great video series by young people for young people. Filmed from the perspective of four young people we had some powerful sessions learning about God's plan for our own wellbeing as young people. Every episode is a journey. There is a journey to a physical location; a journey to overcome challenges and a journey through content, all based around the six areas of wellbeing: physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, financial, and vocational wellbeing.



As we reached Easter we continued for a few more sessions online and then for the first time in ages we met in person for three JUMP sessions outside prior to the summer holidays, these included a walk, a lakeside adventure (as shown in photos) and a BBQ and it was awesome to be able to be together in person once more. While meeting on Zoom has been wonderful to keep connected and to explore our faith together, there is nothing quite like being together in person.

After wishing William and Molly well on their adventures to university, we took a break for summer. After over a year of meeting every fortnight, it felt a bit strange on Sunday evenings, but in September JUMP returned meeting in person in Christ Church Rooms. We welcomed 5 new young people, all who has started in Yr 7 at Cockermouth or Keswick school and up until the end of November we had great fun being able to do activities again in person studying subjects related to things happening in the world around us, the session on CoP26 at the start of November was really good.

We were also extremely fortunate to be able to go to St Johns in the Vale in November, having been scheduled to go the weekend Covid lockdown started in March 2020 and then in November 2020 and then in March 2021 it was wonderful to finally be able to come together, the photos show we had great weather and great fun.

Then it came to the Christmas party and the end of another year, having started the year on zoom we also ended the year on Zoom with the Covid numbers rising we decided it best to meet online. While we would have loved to run around playing Christmas games a lot of laughter and fun was had on zoom as we came to the end of another year.

Also at Christmas, we thanked Ann and Terry Peate for their roles as JUMP leaders over the years and wished them well as they take a step back from leading JUMP. It has been another challenging year for us all, we started the year in lockdown and ended it almost in lockdown, our school lives have been challenging, but we have been able to come together as JUMP and have fun whilst also exploring the Christian faith and now ready for 2022.

If you know anyone who is 11-18 and may be interested in JUMP please do direct them to our website <http://cockermouthareachurches.org.uk/jump/>

