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Dear Youth Leader,

The Diocese of Chester is pleased to announce: 'The Journey', our new Weekend Youth Residential.

### What is The Journey?

A weekend residential, specifically designed for young people in school years 7-11, organised and delivered by a dedicated team of experienced DBS checked youth leaders from across the Diocese of Chester. It's a time for young people to gather with others who share similar beliefs and outlook on life, and to engage with Christianity in a way which may be new to them. It's the perfect place for you to build stronger relationships and spend time with your youth group without the hassle of organising a residential.

Our programme is part of 'Thy Kingdom Come' and includes; workshops (art, video, dance, drama, song writing, and hard questions), wide games, Bible teaching, prayer, contemporary worship, discussions and the opportunity to make new friends, all in a safe space to build relationship and discipleship with God.

We know that you work tirelessly for your young people. We want to encourage and support you in your ministry by offering you and other youth leaders space to connect, share stories and collaborate. To make *The Journey* as little work for you as possible, we have created a pack with all you need including: flyer, letter to parents, consent and booking forms. Please keep checking the Chester eBulletin and the Diocese of Chester Youth Residential Page for updates, and for information about our Deeper Day, 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### What is this year's theme?

Light: Hear about Jesus' Light and learn to share His light with those around you.

### The Pilgrimage and Beacon Event

We'll be taking part in the Thy Kingdom Come Pilgrimage from Foxhill to Chester Cathedral for 3 miles, and then participating in the Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event in Chester Cathedral. We'll catch a coach to the pilgrimage site and back to Foxhill after the Beacon Event for parents /carers to collect children at 8:00pm.

### What you need to know

- Main Venue:** Foxhill House and Woodland, Tarvin Road, Frodsham, WA6 6XB  
Tel.01928 733777
- Date & Time:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 5:00pm– Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 8:30pm
- Cost:** £50 per person, (inc.a £20 non-refundable deposit) (bursary available from Foxhill)  
We operate a sliding fee of £10 less per child, if they are in the same family.
- Meals:** Provided by Foxhill
- Accommodation:** Camping at Foxhill - Please bring camping equipment
- Pilgrimage:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm-5:00pm
- Beacon Event:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-8.00pm, Chester Cathedral, St Werburgh St, Chester, CH1 2DY

### How do I book?

- Forms:** Please **post** the summary booking form and **original** individual consent forms (including all leaders), **no later** than 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to Foxhill (address above).
- Payment:** Via, cash, debit, credit card or by cheque (payable to Chester Diocesan Board of Finance). Please mark the outside of your envelope "*The Journey*".
- DBS** Your reference number will be required on booking and you will need to bring the original with you to the event.
- Please note:** We do not accept bookings unless they include an appropriate number of leaders. (1 Adult - 8 Children, male and female leaders are required for mixed groups). Although this event is run by the Diocese of Chester, your youth group will be in your care. We advise that you have a copy of the consent forms for your reference, gain PCC permission to attend and that you to take out insurance for bookings.

