

June 2018

engagement **Living out Christ's love and hope**

Using sport, music and art to build relationships and share the Christian faith



Canon Benjamin Preece Smith, Diocesan Secretary

Sports is a really powerful force that brings people and communities together in a positive environment.. What many don't realise however is that modern sports come from a deeply Christian place: basketball was a mission programme invented by the YMCA! The concepts of teamwork, shared endeavour, equality on the pitch, respect for referees, coaching and good grace in victory *and* defeat were means to bring a Christian framework to those who struggled with traditional Church and learning methods. Whilst the Church drifted away from sports in the late twentieth century people did not.

We hope you will join us (and encourage others to do so) at some of the events and opportunities below where you can hopefully capture some of that vision for how we can share our faith and lives with this generation, through sports.



Play football inside Gloucester Cathedral,

Saturday 16 June, 10am to 9pm

Jesus fished with the fishermen and taught with the teachers; would he play football with the footballers? We think so; in fact he'd probably play in goal. (Jesus saves? Get it?)

The World Cup is just around the corner and to celebrate, we're hosting a football tournament in the Cathedral. With a day full of football mayhem, including skills demonstrations, free games and refreshments, you can just come along or sign up your team and play for ultimate 5-a-side glory.

If you don't have a team to sign up, come as an individual, spectate and have a go with some of the other games on the day. For the football tournament itself you will need a team of school-age kids. More details at www.gloucester.anglican.org/2018/football-tournament-cathedral/

Sports internships at Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre

Love sport? Want to gain nationally recognised outdoor qualifications? Viney Hill Christian Adventure Centre is offering two residential (18+) positions and two non-residential (16+) six week positions. No experience needed. Pay £180 per week (free on-site accommodation for those 18+). The closing date for applications is 13 June.

Contact Kate Wyatt, kate@vineyhilladventure.org 01594 516162 for more info and the application pack.

