

Communion Service

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Timings

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- 10:00 Start off with welcome & prayer
- 10:02 First song - Praise is rising
- 10:05 Talk
- 10:15 Prayer for an awakening and revival in Devon
- 10:20 Rivers & Robots vid - Who is like our God?
- 10:22 Communion
- 10:25 Final Song

I feel slightly unqualified to take a communion service because my Bible knowledge is embarrassing and I hardly know any old hymns.

- Wilf - friends since year 7. Woodroffe School.
 - friends for nearly 2 years without knowing we were both Christians.
 - I believe God got us together to cause trouble in school.
 - About 1 year ago, we were talking about how isolating it can feel to be a Christian in school.
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- We sort of wanted to have a Christian union
 - We approached the RE teacher and he passed on the info to in a staff meeting
 - We were told that it had gone up to the senior staff meeting
 - Few weeks later we heard back that our club was a goer on two conditions...
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1. We had to have a teacher present to ensure that we weren't preaching extremist views. (ridiculous)
 2. We weren't allowed to be a 'Christian Union'. We had to be a club for all 'faiths' and they'd prefer it to be a discussion group and not a Bible study.
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- At first we were annoyed that we weren't allowed a Christian Union.
 - We continued on...
 - And to our great surprise, on the first club we had no body show up.
 - Next week we 4 people - all Christians and so we got to talk about our faith and Wilf prayed at the end.
 - Awkwardly the Head of English walked in mid-prayer
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- A few weeks in I was running abit late and I opened the door to the classroom and I thought I'd just walked into a class.
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So this club that started as quite a disappointment has turned into a group of 20 pupils who sit and listen to Wilf and I talk about God and the life of Jesus. Incredible.

What have I learned from starting the group?

- Although the group wasn't what we had in mind, it was what God had in mind and as a result, 'Faith Union' has probably had an even greater impact on our school and some of the students who attend than we'd even imagined.
- Before the group had started Wilf and I had had 'outreach' plans for the group about how we would

be able to talk about Jesus in the school. And so instead of walking round the school singing kumbaya, God brought people to us -- which is truly amazing.

- Lyme Baptist Church - Wow! God's using me... slightly out of my comfort zone but yay!

The point I'm trying to make is that if God is in it - then he'll make a way and God desperately wants to be represented in work places and schools.

In September, Wilf and I are planning to build the group and focus more on the gospel.

Something I find amazing is that I kinda felt in the deepend each week.

- Great we have a club!
- Now we've got to lead it and plan what to say!

God amazingly worked out exactly what the needed to hear each week. The content was engaging and interesting - which is more than I could have put together.