

Leading up to the Lay Conference, the Children, Young People and Families Team asked the youth delegates what their idea of a dream church would look like. These are their dreams...



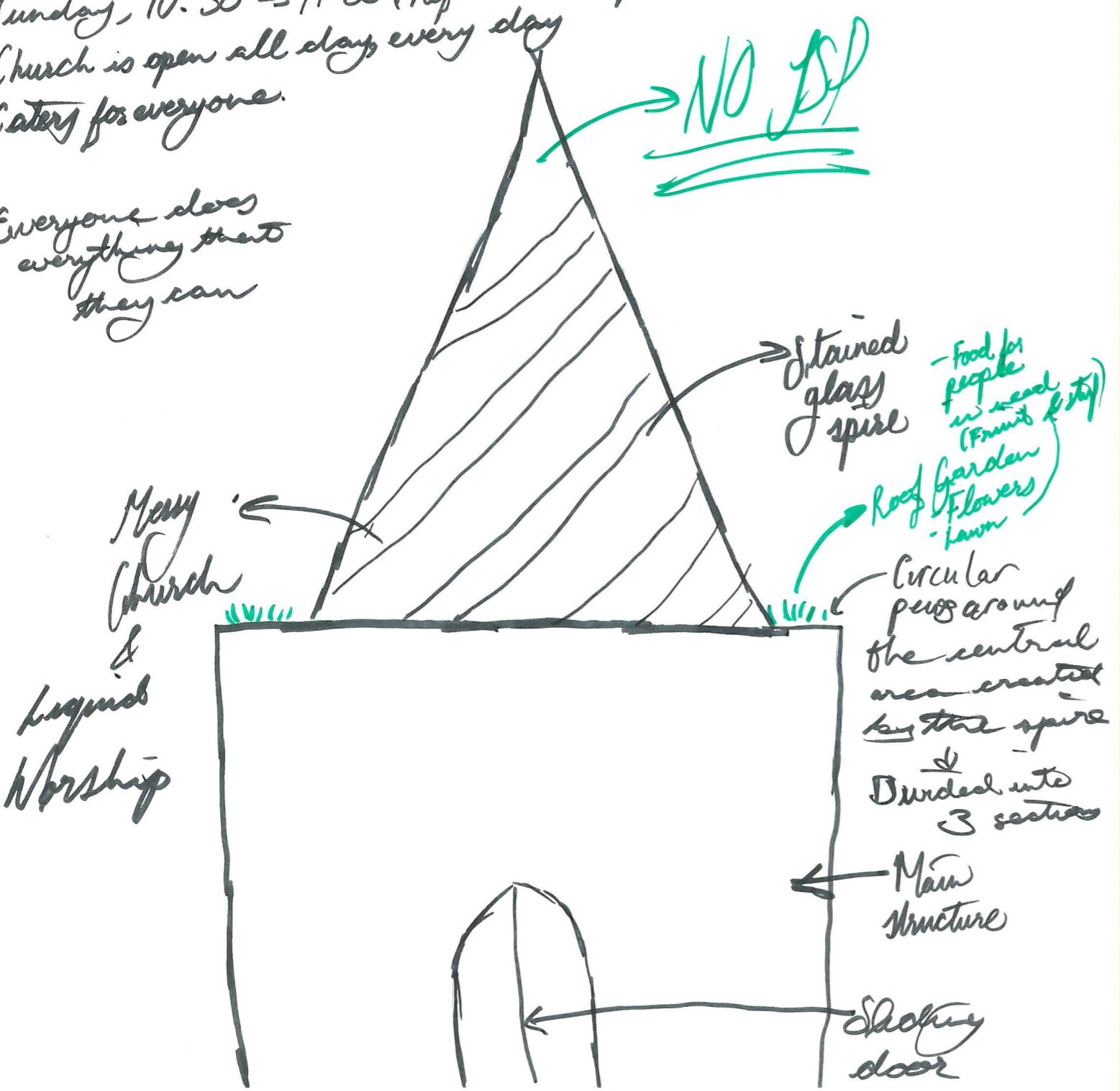
Building materials:
Glass (different colours)
White painted concrete (Base structure)

Inside painted to look like the night sky

Service times

Sunday, 10:30 → 11:30 (Refreshments after church)
Church is open all day every day
Caters for everyone.

Everyone does everything that they can



My dream church

Fairy lights, Chill zone for the youth

Colourful with lots of bright colours

Live music

Church ran by young people

To always have a youth leader

everyone welcome

Lots of worship

Prayer time

To serve the poor or the needy

UNITY

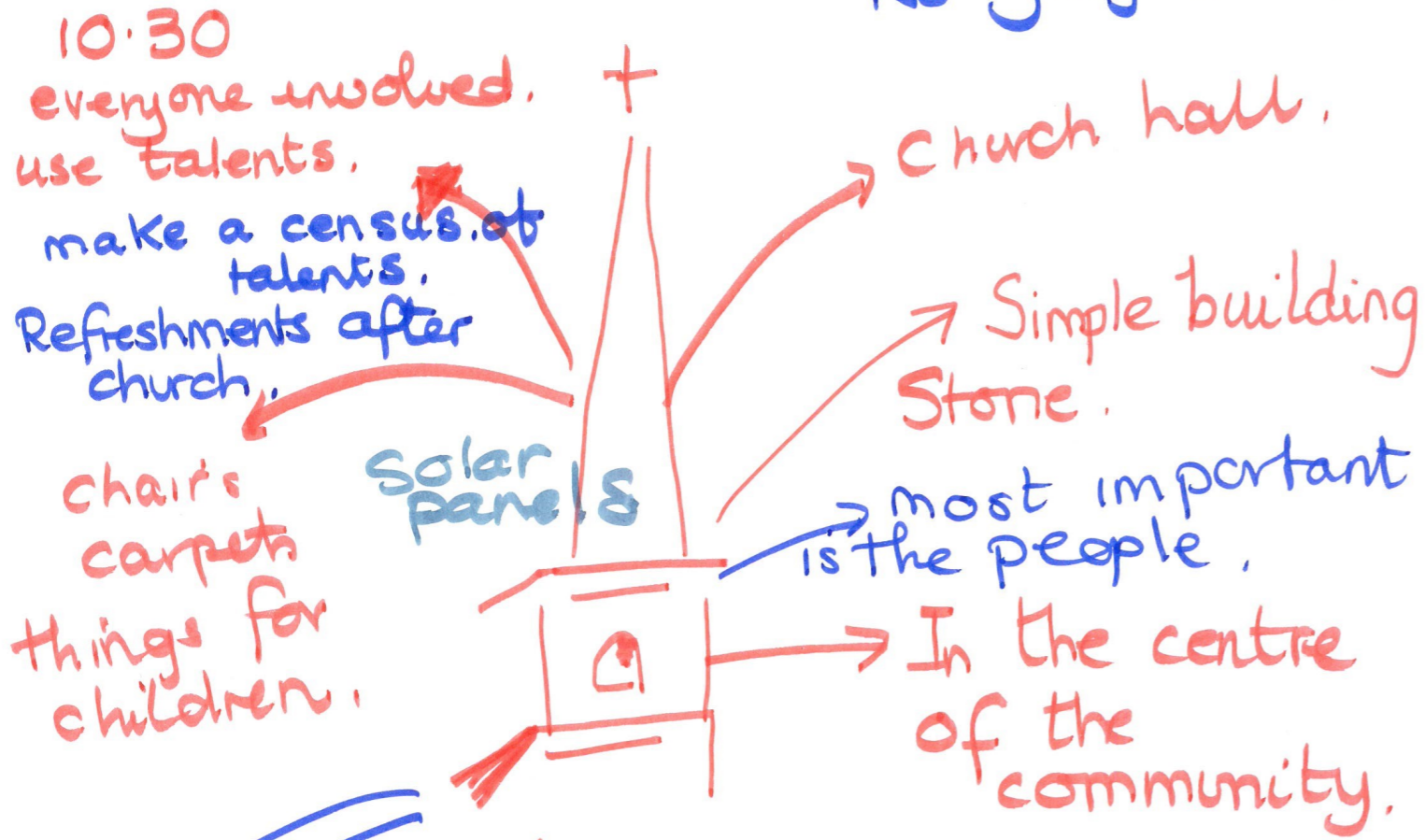
To spread the love of God

DREAM

Happy / loving place,
cares for everyone

CHURCH

No Judgements!



10.30 everyone involved,
use talents,
make a census of talents,
Refreshments after church.

Chair's carpets
things for children.

Solar panels

Church hall,

Simple building Stone.

most important is the people,

In the centre of the community.

Open to community groups - older people
- toddlers / babies
- youth organisations.

outreach work
- foodbanks.
- tidying areas

- talk about what do
- actions speak louder than words

liquid worship → linked to messy church.



my Dream Church



Fairy lights

the church feels welcoming.

the most important thing is that everyone is welcomed.

My Church would be built on hope and forgiveness.

You can come in 24/7 (365)

Candles.

Centred around Youth.

modern, colourful, Classy

healing rooms, relaxing area

Anyone can use it for positive reasons.

Colourful Fun
friendly kind

UNITY

energetic & inventive

Where all are accepted & valued for who they are!

To be reminded of Jesus' and why he came + died for me.

Warm & Welcoming

Community based and building-free

To keep challenging me to take up my cross.

JESUS AT THE CENTRE

To serve the poor

To ask me questions + challenge me...

Meals Games Songs and music Craft

Calm Peaceful Tranquil Holy In His presence

Focussed on the needs of those who are not yet members

Welcoming community family friends

MY DREAM CHURCH



We go to church to worship him with others. We go to church to feel closer to God in his house

most important part of the church is feeling comfortable and bringing people together to worship.

it would be made mostly of glass so it is linked with nature - can see outside.

There are more instruments, in hymns children can play along

My dream church is warm, could have pianos and sofas

MY DREAM CHURCH

Youth Bibles

prayer station
youth prayer leaders

fundraising
e.g runs, cake sale.

Inspirational talks

DJ, good music, pop

chill, glitter, colour, fairy lights.

Food, Lounge, Sweets, cafe

MUSIC WORSHIP

run by young people
adults live worship, prayer mini activities, games

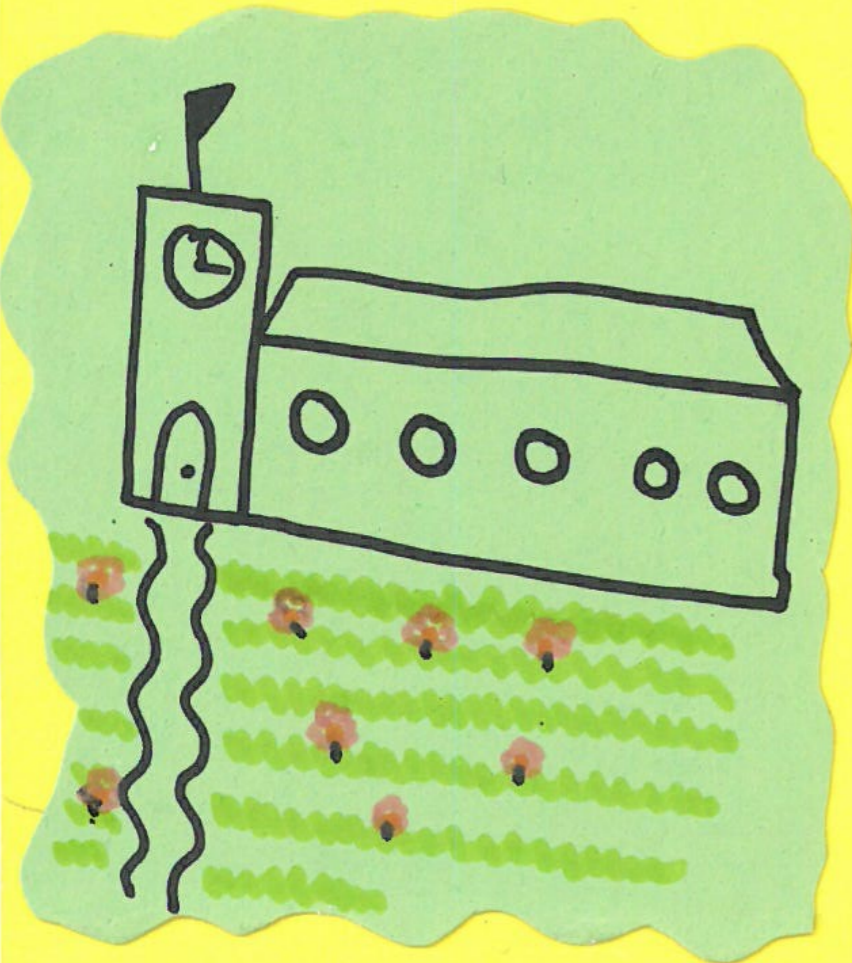
problems faced by youth.

open: Tuesdays + Saturdays + Thursdays

modern colourful

I want the youth to be close with God

Dream Church

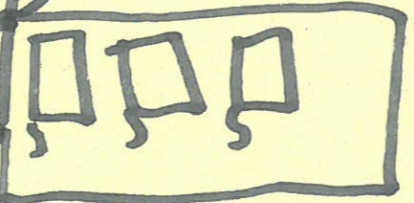
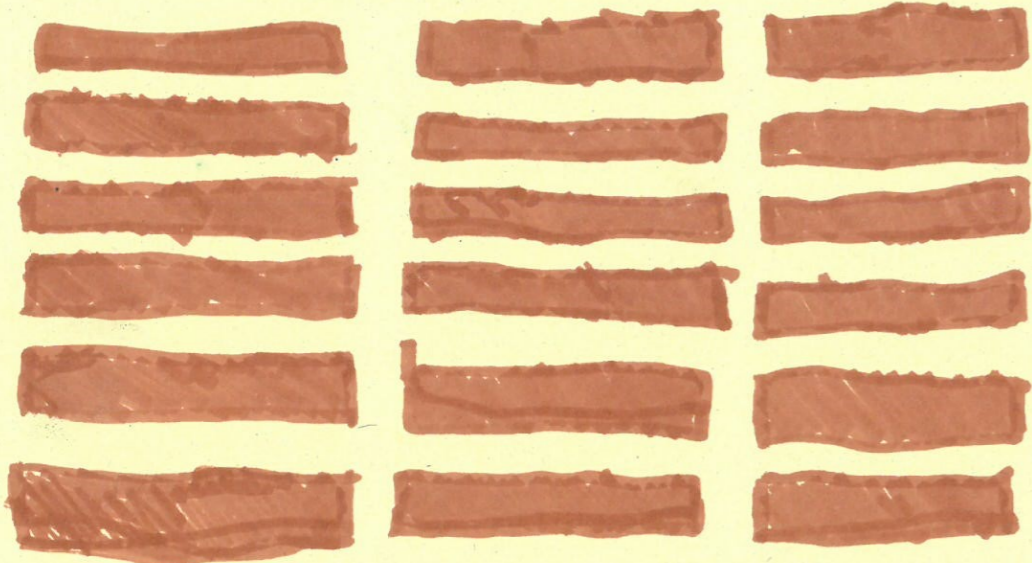


- ~~Simple~~ modern building.
- Carpeted with pews (but comfy!).
- Weekly services, with access for schools to use, and a youth group to use it too.
- A room for a Sunday Club so they can talk and discuss.
- Stained glass windows.
- A team who helps and supports the vicar.
- An inside toilet and kitchen area.

Choir space

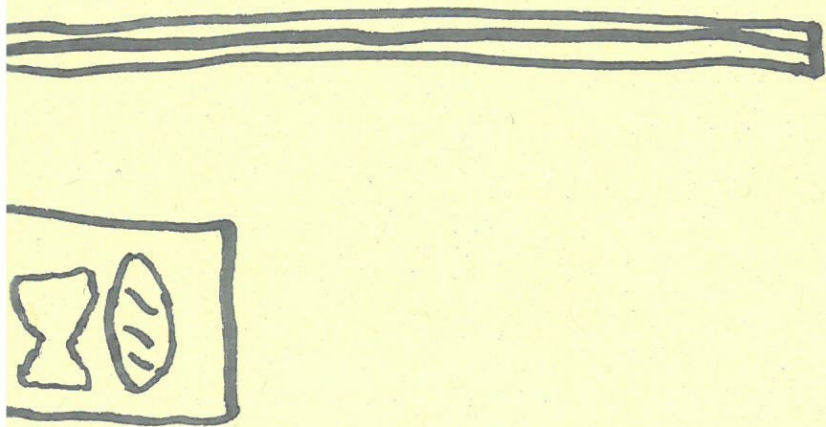
Bird's-eye view

INSIDE THE CHURCH



Altar

Refreshment space



Organ room

Small ensemble space



Field space



Trees and fields beyond

Church link with Tanzania

Setting = Cornwall, by the beach.

Childrens space - junior church

Lots of people celebrating

Bible readings

Decorative altar

organ

stain glass windows

Bell tower

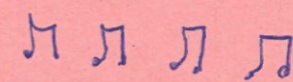
choir Vestry

Nice light colours

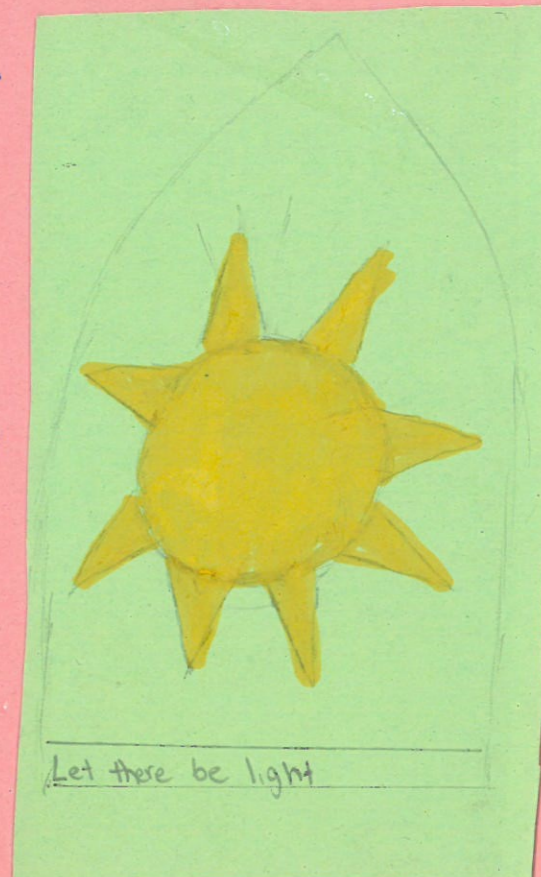
Prayer corner

Displays of the work being done through the church.

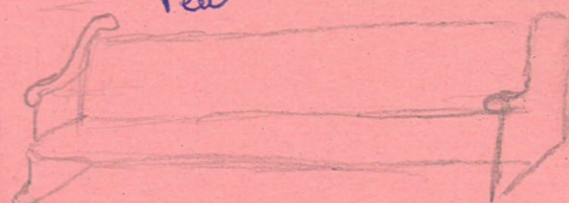
Lots of music



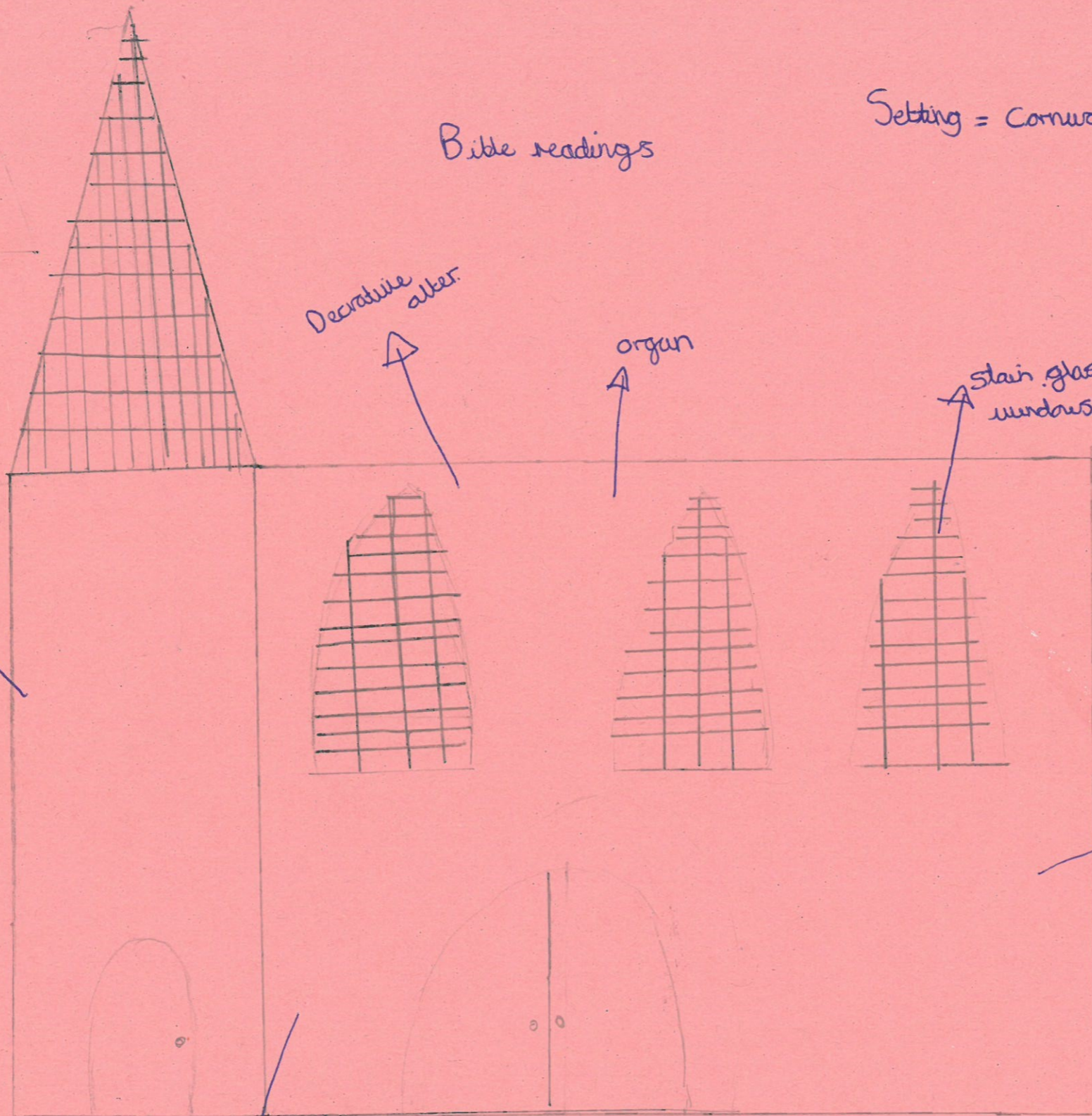
Music group



Pew



Lots of church projects



Take-aways in our church



everyone is respected!
♥

BAPTISMAL
POOL
+ a slide!!

♥
BAPTIST!

tattooing
palace
*if it's a cross/fish,
it's free.

(everyone is welcome)

lots of people
♂ ♀ ♂ ♀ ♂ ♀

maybe dinosaurs!! But please don't eat us.
however if you do, we shall forgive you!

We have a huge prayer board!

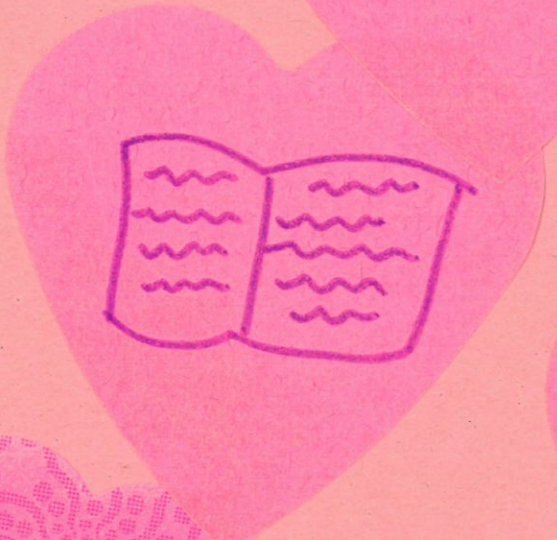
we have a silent room... shhhh!!

Q + A
Session.

SERVICE
on Sunday and
maybe mid-
week services

ONLINE
Forum for
Church
Community

YOUTH GROUP
with LOTS of
OLDER YOUTH



DREAM

CHURCH

OPPORTUNITIES
to volunteer within
church and link
to community
e.g. homeless

Bible study
sermons and
help to apply to
everyday life



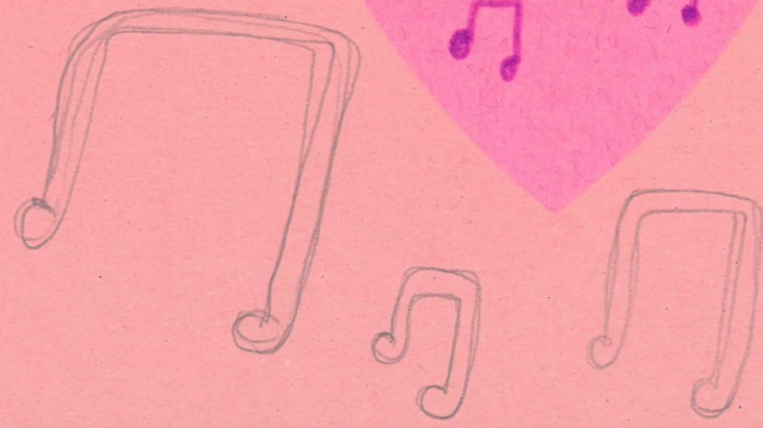
BUILDING
used for events,
celebrations,
community.

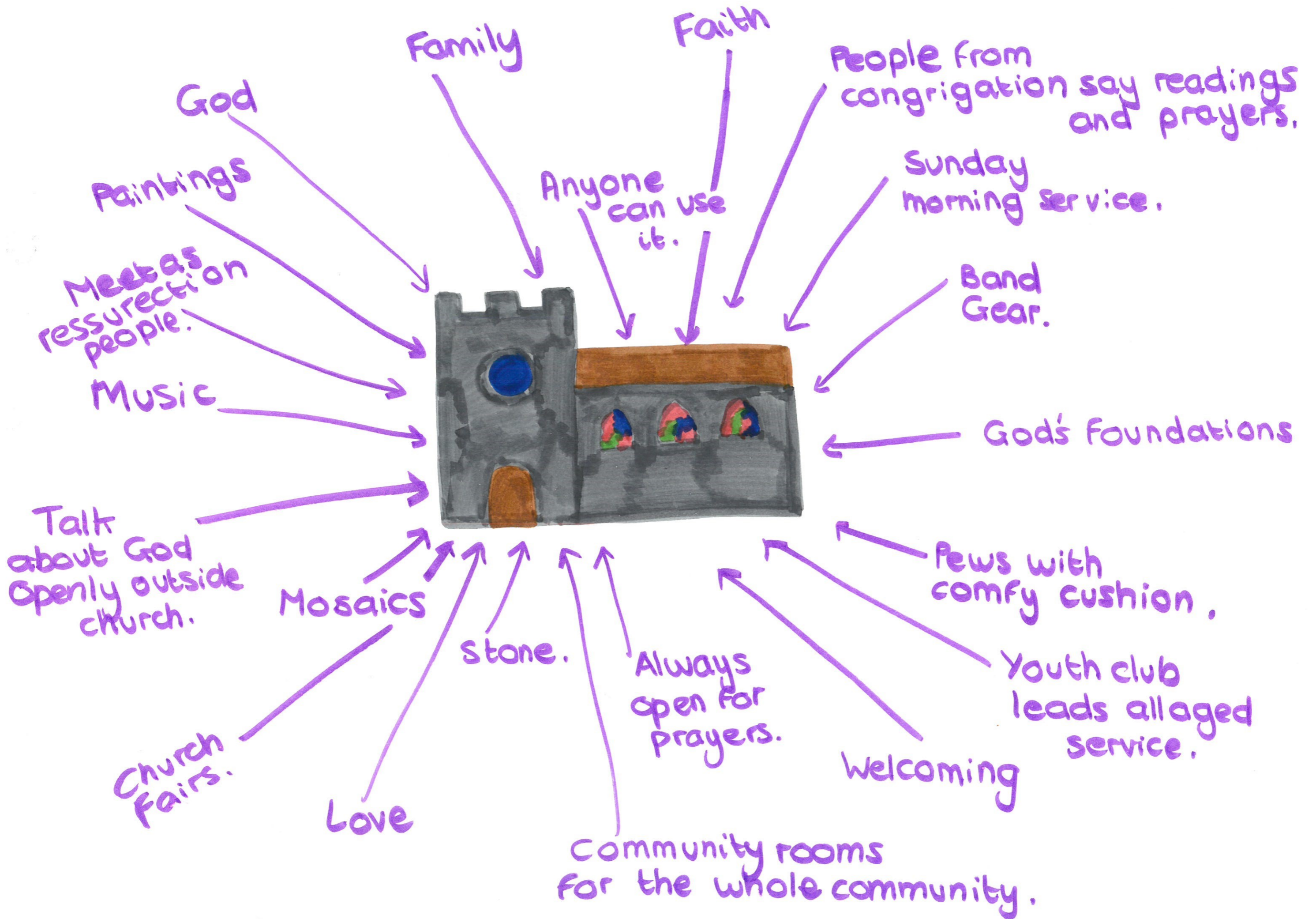
YOUTH SERMON
relating to things
like exams,
friendships,
school
etc.

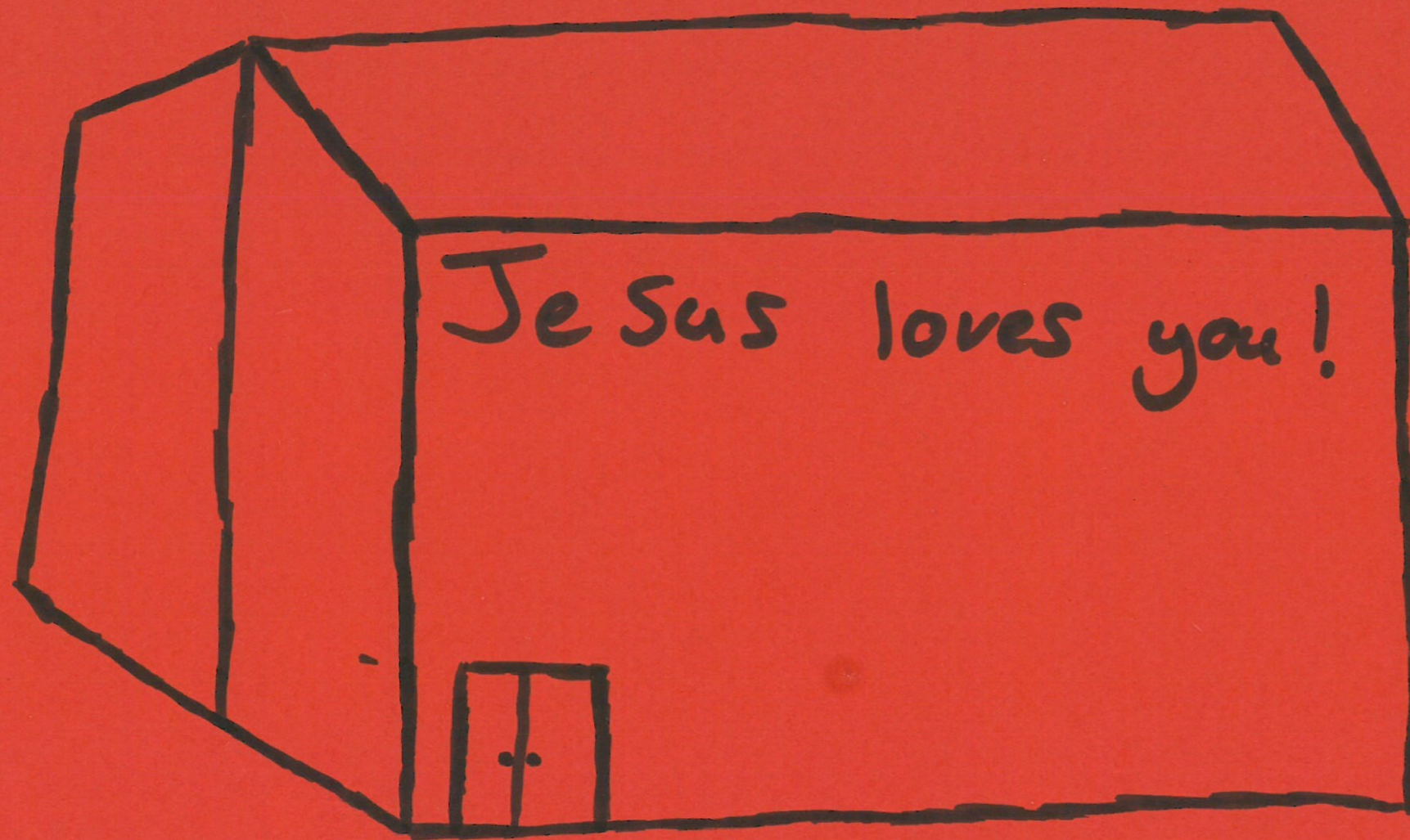
MUSIC which
appeals to
younger people

COMMUNITY
areas for church
to be able to
socialise.

MENTORS
for people
trying to
develop close
relationship
with God







The church
part of the
service is
also not just
for older people

Childrens groups
designed by
young people
for young
people

open 24-7 with
easy to access
prayer spaces open
for all ages, races
and religions

Different types
of bread for
communion.

Modern,
more relatable
children
groups

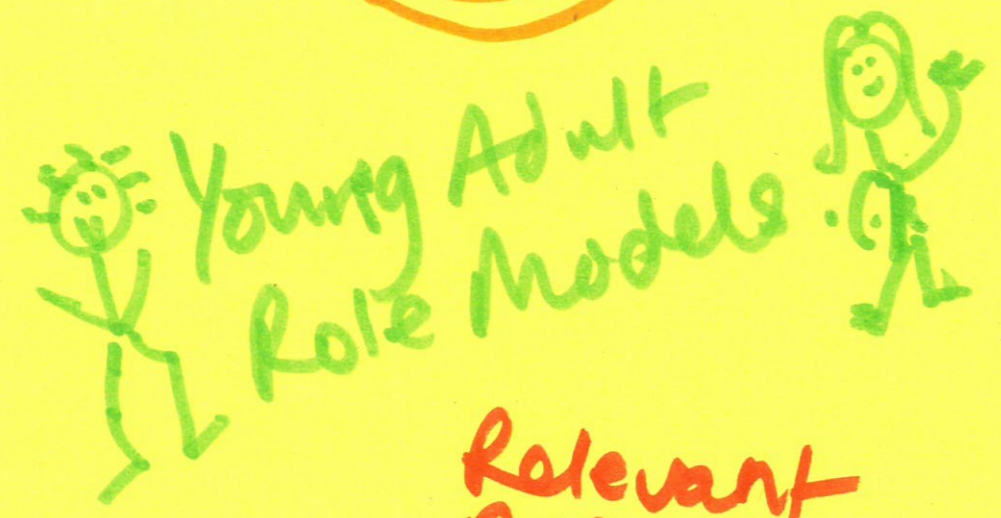
brilliant surround sound.

Communion.



Feel safe to be yourself.

Being able to ask questions and where adults admit they don't have all the answers.



Young Adult Role Models.

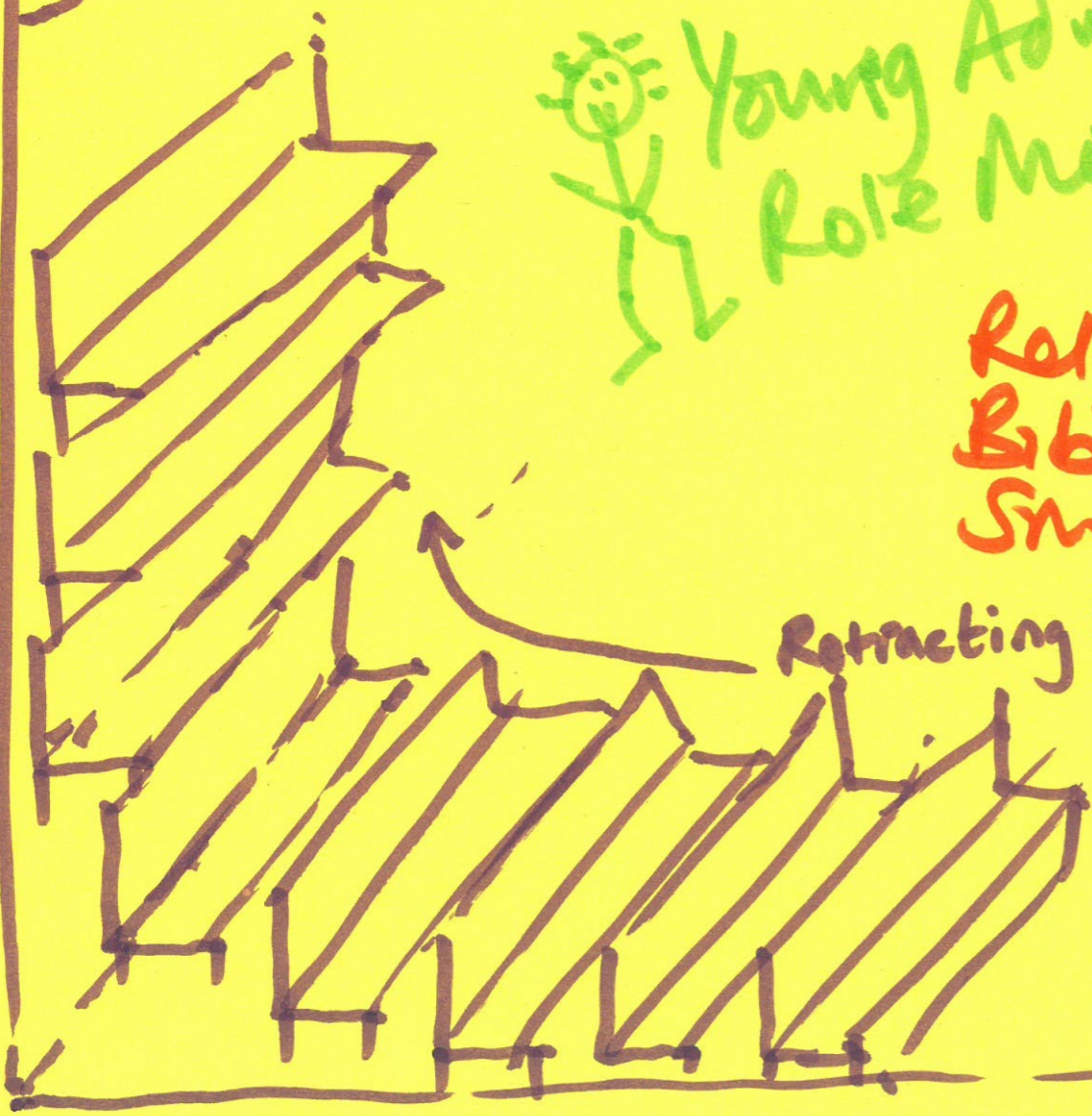
Opportunities to build relationships with people of different ages.

welcome café



Relevant Bible Study Small groups.

Kinaesthetic Learning



Retracting Pews to give floor space when needed.

Opportunities to experience relationship with God - spiritual space.

Permanent comfy chill out space for small group meetings with * * * starry sky ceiling.

Adults who talk to and are interested in me.



Services

USING PEOPLE'S TALENTS

Explore Together done regularly



Saturday afternoon

Sunday morning

Sunday evening

Wednesday morning

youth groups

house groups

all ages, genders, races, sexualities, social classes

TOGETHER

ACCESSIBLE

COLLABORATIVE KIND

FAMILY

OUTWARD LOOKING

FOOD

GENEROUS

fairy lights

outdoors + fresh air!



lots of plants outside

COLOURFUL



music done by everyone

social / community action

VARIED

HONEST

Walls that can open up

ENVIRONMENTAL

WELCOMING

INCLUSIVE

Church service layout/timetable:

- 10.30 - worship - children present
 - 11.00 - children go to groups.
 - 11.30 - preach/sermon
 - 12.00 - meeting ends, tea + coffee + fellowship time ☺
- } Meeting not rigidly strict in terms of this timetable - worship should move freely - come to a natural close for the sermon.

My favourite thing about my church is the feeling of family, non-judgemental environment + the ~~presence~~ presence of the Holy Spirit + freedom.

How does the church show that God is there?

- Holy Spirit present
- Love + welcome shown to members of the community by outreach projects and friendly, welcoming congregation
- Child-friendly - opening worship welcomes children to dance in open space at front (and adults + teens!) - also, should be well-equipped children's groups - age appropriate christian teaching, creche etc.

The church shows what heaven is like by leading a Christ-centered worship, and allowing the Holy Spirit to move, and the congregation to use the gifts of the spirit.

Services:

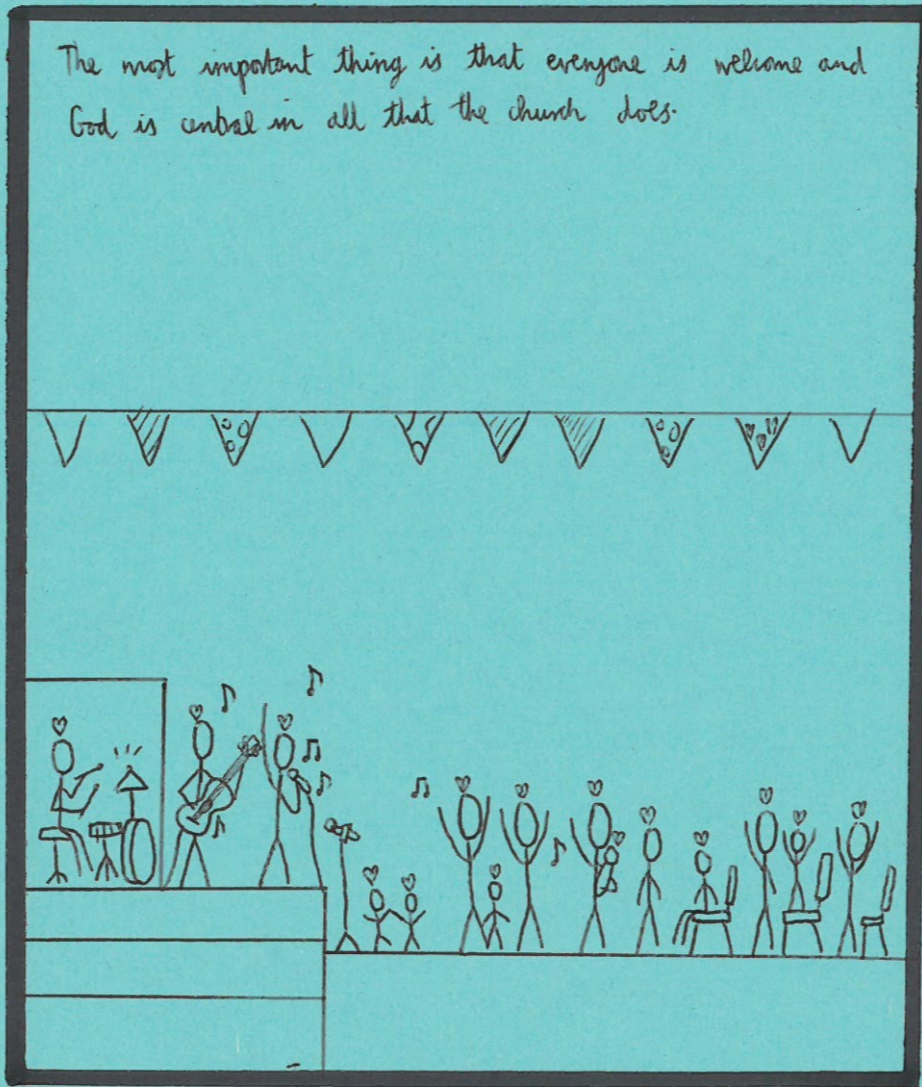
- Sunday morning - 10.30?
- Pops evening service.

Physical appearance of the church building is not important. However, the building should be welcoming, warm and large enough for a congregation to gather in an open space.

Would benefit from facilities such as:

- Sound / PA system
- Stage so that the congregation can see the band
- Toilet / baby changing
- Kitchen facilities
- Babbly in floor that can be covered.

The most important thing is that everyone is welcome and God is central in all that the church does.



Building used to ~~work~~ as a community centre - this can be used to provide facilities for locals in need and introduce + welcome people into the church.


Possible community projects:

- Maths + toddlers groups
- Bible study group for local youth
- Youth group for local youth (non-biblical)
- Music workshops.
- Soup kitchen.


There should be a microphone at the front (observed by an elder) to allow members of the congregation to bring words / sing prophetic songs / read bible verses that God has put on their heart.

The services would be every week on a Sunday and one in the morning and one in the evening.



There would be a choir that anyone could join. It would be a gospel choir.  + a band

Anyone can use the building. The church would be open to anyone.

There would be a garden where the community would grow fruit + veg and give sell it to charity.  + flowers

Your turn! Imagine your dream church...

- What does it look like?
- What would be in it?
- Where will the Church be?
- What would it be built of?
- Who uses the building and why do they use it?
- When are the services?
- What happens in the services and who does what?
- How does the Church show that God is there?
- How do the people tell others about God?
- What does your dream church feel like?
- What is your favourite thing about your dream church?
- What is the most important thing about your dream church?
- How does your dream church show a glimpse of what heaven is like?
- If God is everywhere, why do we go to Church?

