



Dear Parent/Guardian & new 1eighty member ,

You will hopefully have heard that following the school half term in June, those who are currently in year 6 at school are invited to join 1eighty. The 1eighty Team would love to invite you to come and join us for the first time on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June (over Zoom!)**.

Due to Coronavirus this letter is not as it normally would be and obviously moving up to 1eighty will not be as it would normally be! However, I hope you are excited anyway! I have left some bits in the letter which we currently are not able to do but hopefully it will give you an idea of what we would normally do and hope to do in the future.

1eighty normally meets in the Link Room on **Thursday evenings between 7:30-9:00pm** and on **Sundays during the 9:15am service**. We have a great time doing all sorts of things... games, socials, watching video & YouTube clips, chance to talk about stuff in small groups, opportunities to ask questions, food, and loads more... However, the most important part of our time together is the chance to look together at the Bible in a fun relevant way and see what it has to tell us about Jesus and what it means to follow him. Whether you would call yourself a Christian or not - you are very welcome, and we would love to see you. We hope you will feel at home at 1eighty very quickly.

Currently 1eighty is meeting each week over Zoom (we will send you the link once you have returned your information form – see below). We are still doing most of the things described above as best we can.

We are also making extensive use of WhatsApp and Instagram. (on the information form tick the box to say you are happy for your child to be added to the WhatsApp group. We use WhatsApp during our Zoom meeting to post questions and answers and during the week we use both WhatsApp and Instagram to set weekly challenges (some are serious but most are silly!), post encouraging videos and pictures, bible verses and anything we can to encourage and keep up with each other.

To follow us on Instagram search StBotsYouth and ask to follow...



Over the last year we have started a new event for young people called **'Equipped'**. Equipped will be for both Link & 1eighty members. This is an evening for those who want to go deeper in their faith and be Equipped to live for Jesus and tell others about him. The evenings are more focussed and an opportunity to think more deeply about some of the things we talk about at Link & 1eighty.

'Equipped' normally meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's during term time from 8-9pm (after the evening service). We meet in Rectory Cottage (next to Church House). Currently **'Equipped'** is not meeting.

Normally we would include with this letter our Members Card and program card (this is not attached as our program is not as it would be normally, however they are normally sent out termly), which tells you what's happening. There is also a **'members information form'** (It is important this is completed and returned before we can send you a Zoom link and add you to WhatsApp). We do aim where possible to make email our preferred form of communication. The details and forms are also available on the St Bots website [www.stbots.church](http://www.stbots.church). If you use Facebook then **please join our group 'St Bots Parents & YP Leaders'** where reminders, updates and occasional articles are posted.

With the current situation I am also trying to send out a short weekly email with a summary of what we are doing with Link & 1eighty each week. We also have a NEW St Bots Youth Ministry website <https://youthstbots.wixsite.com/stbots-youth> with articles, blog posts and a podcast which is recorded by some of the young people.

Normally we have socials during a term, and we will send out information about these as a when we are able to do them. We also have 1eighty hoodies for those who would like to buy them we will do a new order when things have settled down a bit!

We are looking forward to the rest of this term as we continue to have a great time together and learn more about who Jesus is and what it means to follow him.

If you have any questions or want to ask about anything then do ask one of the **1eighty** leaders or get in touch. The team are really looking forward to welcoming you along to **1eighty** for the first time on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**, and hope that you will enjoy your time with us until you to move up to **Link** at the end of year 9.

Yours in Christ

Andy & the **1eighty** Team