

## Young Adult/Alternative Services have started up again at Lancaster Gate

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Young Adult/Alternative Services have started up again, offering internal guidance and social opportunities for the young adults of our movement.

After a notable absence for a number of years, Young Adult Services have returned to Lancaster Gate thanks to the efforts of Chris Maloney, Sean and Jess Greaves, Kenneth Read and Simon Cooper. The idea to bring back the services came about after the group reflected on the need and desire – within our community – to worship God, as well as maintain and deepen friendships. The service is aimed at older 2nd Generation members and Young Adults with our movement.

Last month's (September) Young Adult Service had over 50 attendees, demonstrating the need for this kind of service among the young adults within our movement.

The aim of the services is to offer an environment for friends to meet and catch-up, in addition to providing an informal worship service which can prove meaningful for attendees.

This month's sermon giver was Sean Greaves, who spoke on the importance of relationships in our lives, especially as we grow older into adulthood.

Sean highlighted a quote from the Bible: "You are as close to God as you are to others," meaning that the

way we treat and act around the people in our day-to-day lives, is a representation of our relationship with God.

Sean said: "God can only act through each of us. Each of us have different, unique qualities and personalities and gifts that only we can give to other people."

Sean shared about his own recent experiences while working at a care-home for young people.

"God is still really desperate for anyway to give that person love, to give that person something they need, when they need it. Even something like that, can make a difference."

Sean also referenced a quote made by True Father.

"Pay attention to people and treat each one with a loving heart and with truth. Say at least three good and positive things each day. Along with your words, do three good deeds each day, no matter how small. When you greet someone, do not say words out of habit but with sincerity and genuineness." – Rev. Sun Myung Moon (September 10th, 1978)

Sean continued: "If we have people who are sincere around us, then we can deal much better with difficulties (in our lives),"

"If we can create a community and create a habit of being a person who is willing to support others and is willing to sacrifice their time and energy, give up something of theirs for someone else's benefit, that kind of community is something that will, not only grow, but also I believe it is a place where God is dwelling."

The service ended with reflection, upon how to better and deepen the relationships within our lives.

Special thanks to the organisers of these services and we hope to continue to see good turn-outs in future services.

Reminders:

The next Young Adult Service will be on Sunday 2nd December, with dinner beginning at 5pm.

The 'Mind the Gap' workshop will be held at Livingstone House from the 24th – 25th of November.

Facebook event page: [www.facebook.com/events/346080319306008/](https://www.facebook.com/events/346080319306008/)