



**South West Wiltshire Area Board
Youth Project Funding Application Form 2013/14**

Name of Group: Sunday Club (or JAM- Jesus and Me)

Number of young people in group: Up to 10 (age 1- 12)

Name of person applying:

Age: 24 (leader) 12 and 10 (young people)

Contact email:

Contact phone number:

Contact address:

1. What do you want the funding for (describe what your project is about)?

Jess- *To create a friendlier atmosphere for kids and youth work.*
Sunday Club has been running on Sunday mornings since September 2011 and attracts up to 10 children. Our vision for 2014 is to expand the youth work so we can offer more activities and opportunities for these children to learn and grow, and also socialise and have fun, and draw in more children of the same age. We also want to start attracting a more teenage audience and start a youth club once a month, which can then be expanded into other projects benefiting the community.
Our mission statement is that we need funding to create an attraction for children and young people to come and create a strong group, who can then in time give back into their community, through fundraising and practical acts of community work and kindness.
This will be run by St John’s Church in Tisbury, but will be open to everyone from all Religions, walks of life and backgrounds.

2. Where will the project take place?

In the Hinton Hall in Tisbury.

3. When will the project take place?

Sunday Club already operates from 9.30 until 10.30 am on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday’s of the month. I am hoping to introduce the odd sleepover, and possibly a messy Church on the occasional Sunday afternoon. The youth club would run on a Friday evening once a month.

4. What will be the benefits of the project for the young people involved / the local community (e.g. leading healthier lifestyles / keeping physically healthy, learning new skills, making a positive contribution, access to transport or other services, challenging bullying or discrimination)

Fern and Jess: *Fun; something to do and look forward to; bring people together; give teenagers the chance to have discussion groups and have the ability to talk about issues that are bothering them; to fundraise for the Church.*

Young people often need somewhere to express themselves and ask questions, and I'm hoping that whilst they are watching a DVD, playing on a Wii, doing crafts etc there will be time to open up and talk about problems affecting them. There would also be the opportunity to ask questions about faith and big questions about life, and discuss these as a group if needed. I'm hoping that once we have a good group we can organise community events that put back into the community, such as visiting the elderly, as well as fundraising to keep St John's Church running, and to help towards to the new development that will make the Church the social centre of the village.

With the younger kids, I think having the occasional fun day or sleepover will draw more families in to spend time together, and allow the children to have fun and express themselves (DVD nights with crafts and games and maybe an educational theme would be great for this!) We have done quite a lot of work already teaching the children about the natural world, which is so evident and important in Tisbury, and I would love to keep doing this. If we had internet access on a computer we would have a better platform for learning more about the natural world around us. I can also get hold of interactive children's bible apps to bring into Sunday Club sessions.

I'm also keen for all the children to learn how to use social media in a positive way, and we could use the tablet computers to set up St John's Church Facebook pages and other social media platforms, to advertise what is going on in the Church and in the community.

5. How much funding do you want from the Area Board? (standard grants up to £1000)

£929.97

6. List all of the things you need to buy or pay for to run your project (please provide copy of quotes)

- £89.99** Nintendo Wii mini Red Console (Argos.co.uk)
- £50** For Wii games (Argos.co.uk)
- £17.99** HP multimedia USB 2.0 Speakers (Argos.co.uk)
- £154.09** Multimed LED projector with built in DVD player (amazing.co.uk)
- £238** 2 x Hudl 7" 16GB Wi-Fi Android Tablet (Tesco.com)
- £10** Hudl apps
- £50** DVDs
- £100** Connectors and adapters
- £219.90** 10x Colour match fabric cube bean bag (Argos.co.uk)

(These are currently half price, so I will buy as many as I can with what is left, so the children have something more comfy than plastic chairs to sit on.)

(please note Wiltshire Council will pay funding to a 'supporter' e.g. youth worker, school, parish council)

7. How will you know your project has been successful?

Fern and Jess: *Children having fun; people keep coming; youth work becomes more interesting; if the things we buy get used; if we raise some money for the Church.*

8. Any further information

The very successful youth group at the Methodist Church in Tisbury has sadly stopped running, and the one at the Catholic Church is under subscribed. It is important that we work together as Christians in Tisbury to offer children of all ages' access to fun, to growth, to ask questions, and the ability to give back to their community. It is very important it is open to everyone, but children

are facing a more and more challenging world, and as Christians we should respond to those challenges.

I would also like to point out that the Hinton Hall has been described as 'dull and uninviting' by my children, and I feel that without funding to bring it into the 21st Century we won't have a chance of attracting more young people and families.

Please contact Steve Harris, Community Area Manager, via email stephen.harris@wiltshire.gov.uk or phone **01722 434211** for more information.

Please email your completed application to the address given above by **8 January 2014**. If you are unable to email you can post to the following address; Wiltshire Council, Bourne Hill, Salisbury, Wiltshire. SP2 2HX.