

#### The Hub

Over the years the 'back rooms' have been evolving and developing into a focus area for children, youth and families, both within our CYF ministries and the local community. These rooms provide a place of welcome, friendship, safety, fun, enquiring, equipping and encountering. A place where community and faith come together for all ages.

We struggled to find a name for these rooms until a few months ago. Through prophetic words, pictures, reflecting on scriptures and general conversations we landed on the name 'The Hub'. We invited Megan MacKay to dwell on these words and pictures and prayerfully she produced the logo.

Lynda

#### The Hub – reflections from the team:

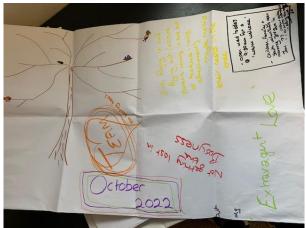
## SUE - Toddler, Baby and Families Group Worker Lead

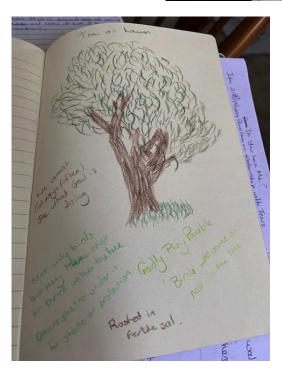
My thoughts for the Hub vision were seeded in a beautiful picture within the parable of the mustard seed and the Kingdom of God from Godly Play. (Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-32, Luke 13:18-19)

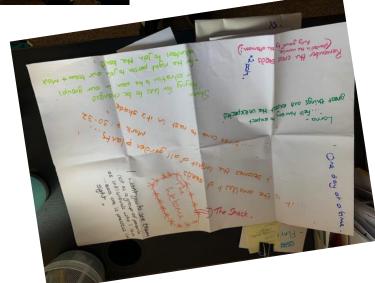
In the story you share how the tiniest seed is planted. As the story unfolds a beautiful fresh green tree is gradually unravelled from your closed fist as your hand slowly moves upwards over the yellow felt circle background. Colourful birds and nests are added to the tree as the story reveals how the tree becomes home to some and a momentary resting place for others, providing shelter, nourishment, safety and refreshment. An echo of the things we find within the Kingdom of God.

Since joining City Life Church this picture has come to symbolise what we are providing to our church and the local community within Toddlers, Growbaby, Lighthouse and the wider activities within the children, youth and families work at the church.

This has been affirmed in prayer and retreat activities on two occasions. Firstly, within a Toddler prayer session (Oct '22) and, further, on a retreat at Lee Abbey (June '24). Drawings made at both are shown below.







# **LORNA – Family and Growbaby Lead**

The vision for the hub came from the bible verse in Psalm 84:3 "Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow a nest for herself where she may have her young- a place near your altar"

All sorts of bird's rest in its branches/build a nest and raise their young/make it their home/ are only in the tree temporarily taking what they need (twigs to build a nest) whether that be physical resources/spiritual/emotional restoration and then may fly off again to new places.

We see this in our toddler work and Growbaby-some families we only meet once or twice and that's OK, we are meeting their needs in that moment/a crisis, others though remain, and we build long-lasting relationships with them where they feel safe and nurture their children here/may attend other aspects of church.

The tree is there to serve all these needs and be a steady, reliable firm foundation that people keep coming back to or remain in.

Lorna

## **DAN – Youth Pastor**

Being somewhat new to City Life Church and to the role of Youth Pastor, my first year in post has been spent getting to know the workings of the Church and how my role fits into it all.

It came as a surprise to me when Lynda presented me with a poster and announced the well-established vision for the Hub - But not that big of a surprise really.

Over my time here I have come to see how the "back rooms" really form the core of the church. Children, Youth, and Families, are the heartbeat of our work in bringing the Kingdom to Truro. With some families travelling from as far as Bodmin and Hayle to bring their young people to where they see Jesus working.

The logo puts me in mind of "Rooted and built up in Him," (Colossians 2:7) which I feel fits the work we do here. Starting from the very roots with the youngest ages and those newest to faith. Growing from the ground up to be "strengthened in the faith as you were taught," until at the very top reaches of the tree they are "overflowing with thankfulness."