

**Aldridge Parish Church**  
**AYF visit to Bulgaria October 2018**



Dear Parents

During the week October half-term 2018, we are proposing to facilitate a trip of 6 – 8 (16 years and over) young people to Sliven, Bulgaria to work with the charity Krasif Aid [www.krasifaid.org.uk](http://www.krasifaid.org.uk)

The purpose of the visit is to give young people experience of short term mission in the context of a different culture. Alan and Gillian Winser have been going to Bulgaria since 1998 and have long experience of taking teams of volunteers out to work there. YF leaders will lead the team itself, but Alan and Gillian will accompany the group and support them throughout their visit. Brian and Chris Clarke, who head up the charity, will also be with us. The young people will be supervised at all times.

Your Son/Daughter has expressed an interest on going on this trip.

We will be leaving on (to be confirmed) and returning on (to be confirmed). We will be flying from Heathrow Airport to Sophia in Bulgaria. Transport to and from the airports will be arranged.

Our partners in Bulgaria at Sliven Baptist church will host the week. Accommodation will be at a small, clean and pleasant hotel in Sliven. The overall cost, including flights, accommodation, food and translator fees will be in the region of £400- £500 for the week. We would expect that the young people would engage in fundraising activities to cover the cost; this would have the added benefit of raising awareness of the trip. Young people will need a current UK Passport.

We anticipate that the sort of activities the group would be involved with, and planning and preparing in advance for, are: -

- Play schemes for children, some of whom would be disabled.
- Practical tasks e.g. in painting and decorating.
- Taking part in Church services, especially relevant for those with musical skills.
- Support visits to sheltered homes for disabled adults.

We will be arranging an awareness evening prior to the visit for the young people and their parents/carers.

Please would you sign and return the consent form by (as soon as possible please) in order to confirm that you are happy for your son/daughter to participate in this visit.

Yours sincerely

Kate Denney  
Youth Leader, Aldridge Youth Fellowship

