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How has your life been changed as a result of your experience?

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Having been part of Holy Apostles as an intern and of the wider church family of Holy Trinity Leicester, as well as of the New Wine Discipleship Year, impacted me a lot and I was able to meet many inspirational people. In my internship at Holy Apostles Church I was able to grow in my leadership of different groups of people, preaching, technical and relational skills.

As Holy Apostles is still a quite traditional church and because I also worshipped at Holy Trinity I gained a better understanding of the broad range of the Anglican Church. The teachings and inputs I received through learning and growing as a disciple at New Wine and in being part of the staff team and a mission-shaped community of Holy Trinity Church helped me to apply a new attitude and skills in my own life and in my ministry at Holy Apostles. The fellowship in those communities kept me accountable on a high level and helped me in my journey of personal and spiritual growth.

Giving one specific example, I can say that I learned to be more aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit and his acting in and through my life. I still have to grow massively in giving him the space he deserves to have in my life. But I am glad that my understanding towards him already changed and I am excited to live with Him and learn more about Him in the time to come.

Finally through all my experiences here in Leicester, general working experiences I had beforehand and God's faithful guidance in my life I found a job here in Leicester. Straight after my internship I started to work full-time for Holy Trinity Church as the Assistant Coffee Shop Manager of the newly opened Kings Coffee House set in the refurbished entrance of the church trying to build a bridge for people outside of the church to get to know Jesus. This new role already has given me so much joy and I am looking forward what I can learn through all the new challenges, spend some more time in Leicester and call this church my home.

What will you do differently as a result of your experience?

In general I think I will try to trust God more faithfully. Having been very worried the whole last year before my internship and also at the beginning how I should move on after it I want to walk my ways more trusting now. After my decision to let him guiding me which was sometimes not how I wanted it things to turn out but today I can see how important and good every step was to bring me to this place where I am currently. I hope and pray that this wasn't only something for that season but that I can move on and remember his guidance, trust his ways in all further big and small decisions in both, life and work.

Would you recommend this trip/experience to someone else? Why/Why not?

I would definitely recommend doing an internship with either, Holy Apostles or Holy Trinity Church, Leicester. I experienced so many friendly and inspirational people, made good friendships here and I could learn loads through very good and godly teaching and healthy challenges which were set for us as interns. Especially if people have a desire to get to know God more fully, this is the place to be.