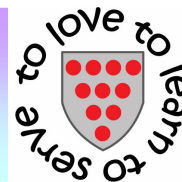


Children's Officer News January 2012



Happy New Year! Before January flies by I was reminded in a sermon recently to stop and think about these 5 Ps - Ponder, Pray, Plan, Praise and Pause. Let me go through them extremely briefly; Ponder - allowing time to reflect and deeply consider what opportunities this year might bring to ponder in you what the almighty can do;

Pray - to pray through the things that might come up in your pondering, without God we can't do it!

Plan - a lack of planning can sink us! Planning is a spiritual thing, God has plans for all of us, planning liberates us to live well! Praise - Sing praises to Jesus, give God thanks and praise for each day that passes by. Pause - take time to stop, rest, play and enjoy this year as you go through it! I felt challenged by some of these 5 Ps and I hope you feel you can take some time to really think about this year, you may already have things planned or know what you are doing in your children's work, what events you may be doing with families in the community or in your church. Even so, stop and go through these 5 Ps you just never know what 2012 could look like! I do hope that during this New Year I can be of a support, fill you with the right resources and be full of encouragement to you and your teams.

Just a few things I would like to highlight!:

CandY.

The children, young people and young adults of CandY invite all those aged between 6-17 to come on **Saturday 10th March** from **9.30am-3.30pm** to Old Swinford Hospital School, DY8 1QX and join in with games, worship, fun and craft activities. The adult synod will be talking about Inclusion and the Anglican Methodist covenant. We'd love as many churches as possible to send some children and young people (with at least 1 adult please!) to this fantastic event!

'Spring into Action' on **Saturday 21st April 2012** at **St Peters Baptist Church** from **9.30am - 4.30pm**. We have The Ven. Roger Morris, Archdeacon of Worcester, as our main speaker for the morning with loads of workshops ranging from dealing with bereavement, story telling, puppets, faith at home with under 5's, All Age worship, working with transitions, working with boys and many more... We also have a market place at the conference with tea, coffee and cake available along with a book stall, and lots of resources from Arise Ministries, God Venture, puppet ministry, Urban Saints and Big Ministries just to mention a few ... this conference is for anyone who works with children and young people from any denomination. Please see below and flyer to book your space!

Please make sure you pass this to all those working with children in the parish.

If you would like me to come and visit you or come to see your children's groups please do get in touch. I can come and lead a family service, preach, run training sessions for your children's volunteers, run a children's church session, meet with your PCC about children's and family work, help you think and plan different activities for your parish, etc please just ask!

Love and Prayers

Emma xxx

Conference - book now!! See flyer inside ...



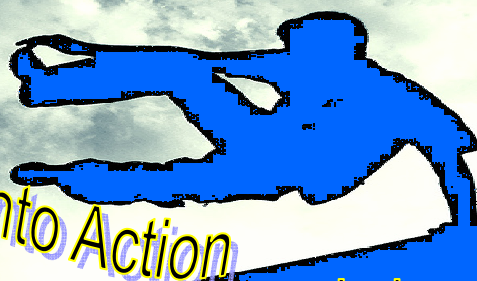
For Children's
& Youth Leaders

market place

Featuring: a book stall, God Venture,
Arise, Urban Saints and more.....

Coffee Shop

Spring into Action



workshops

Including:
Boys to men
Dealing with bereavement
Spirituality of generation Y
Storytelling
and many more....

21st April

9.30-4.30pm

St Peter's Baptist
Church, Worcester

Cost £5*

*1st 2 tickets per parish
2 for the price of one!

Please bring your own lunch

Around the Diocese

Here is your news

The Malvern Priory Sketch club in the final scene of their brilliant production of Fawltly Stables



Lantern making
Malvern Priory



St Wulstan Church,
Warndon - Messy
Christmas



Malvern Priory
Christingle service



St George's Church,
Barbourne - Messy
Christmas



All Saints, Worcester
Messy Christmas



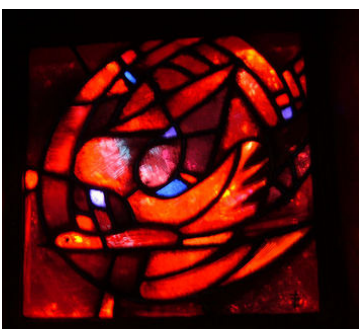
Hallow Church,
Nativity



Tree for St Mary's
festival and Nativity
from Church of the
Ascension Wall
Heath's worship
after school.

If you are doing something with children in your parish, take some photos and email them to me for my next issue: epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk

Funding



SpiritED Fund

In the summer mailing I reminded you of our second round of the **SpiritED** fund. The successful bidders for round two were:
The **Outer Limits** group from Longdon who bid for £50 for Youth **Bible Study Guides written by Chip and Helen Kendall**.
The **Inspyre** group from St Peter's Ipsley who bid for £50 for a new resources **creative prayer space** for young people.

Future events ...



Candy at the Diocesan Synod

Candy is a chance for children and young people in our churches to let us know what they think. We have been running this council now for over a term and our meetings are brilliant, developing relationships with children and young people around the diocese. The children, young people and young adults of Candy invite all those aged between 6-17 to come on **Saturday 10th March** from **9.30am-3.30pm** to Old Swinford Hospital School DY8 1QX and join in with games, worship, fun and craft activities. The adult synod will be talking about Inclusion and the Anglican Methodist covenant. We'd love as many churches as possible to send some children and young people (with at least 1 adult please!) to this fantastic event!

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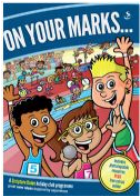


The Key Course

A reminder about our course for those about to start, or new to, children's work or youth work in churches. Sarah and I will be running, **The Key** for 6 weeks on **Wednesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.00pm**, from **25th April - 30th May** at **St Michaels' All Angels, Stourport, DY13 9DT** or alternatively on two full day **Saturdays, 12th and 26th May, 10.00am- 4.00pm, venue tbc**. The Key is an interactive learning experience full of games, quizzes, reflections, ideas, practical advice, helpful tips. The hope is that The Key will act as a pathway to further training and development. Find out more at www.thekeyresource.co.uk Please complete the booking form on diocesan website if you want a space on this popular course.

Ideas and Resources

The Olympics are coming and your church might want to mark the event by running a holiday club or a day event, or helping your local school find resources to use. I hope this list can help you, and don't hesitate to call if you need anymore ideas, help or support!



On Your Marks... £12.99

Simon Barker, Scripture Union

5 sessions + 2 Sundays worth of material, with stories from Mark's Gospel

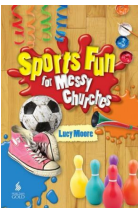
Each day the sessions have; group times, Bible teaching, drama, prayer, crafts, memory verse, songs

You can also get DVD and online material

The Sports Academy Holiday Club!

John Hardwick, BRF £11.99

5 sessions on the story of David from shepherd boy to King. Each day the sessions have; songs, memory verses, Bible story, drama, group times, quizzes, activities/crafts, prayer



Sports Fun for Messy Churches

Lucy Moore £5.99

A great way to enhance your Messy Church experience by providing fun-filled games and sports activities for families to enjoy together. This little book provides a wealth of simple, interactive games and family-friendly sports ideas for Messy Church leaders to use in their sessions.

A one-day event devised for schools to have fun exploring Christian concepts and values around a sports theme. Everything you need to run the event is available as a download. Could be adapted to create a fun day run by churches.

<http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/TheGames/156792.id>

The Games
Scripture Union



Words for a Christian sporting year - This idea brings together 12 verses from the Bible with a sporting link - one for each month of 2012 along with questions to get everyone talking.

<http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/words-for-a-christian-sporting-year/?>

Ideas and Resources continued

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

A website resource for worship. Worship Workshop is primarily designed for schools but I feel it can be used anywhere. The website contains a selection of text from the liturgy of the Anglican Church - Common Worship and New Patterns for Worship.

The intention of the site is to provide a liturgical structure according to this 'map of worship', starting at the call to worship bell and working your way around the map

anyway you want to. It is intended that the website itself will grow, specifically in the first instance, through the addition of materials to support school Eucharist.

Worship workshop includes a planner which guides the creation of acts of worship. This is a teaching/learning tool which offers much needed material in an area where resources have been few and far between. The site also has a collection of 100 sacred songs/ hymns which can be filtered according to season and value. Each song has demonstration, accompaniment and echo (teaching) tracks which are linked to a 'project view' of the words. All the tracks are downloadable so that you can adapt to your own use. There is also sheet music available.

When you have worked through the planner the whole act of worship can be downloaded as a word document. This can be used as it stands or adapted into an 'order of service' for any occasion!

The only thing I would personally say about this site, it is a shame there aren't up to date children's worship songs on it! But it is an amazing site and everyone should have an explore!! <http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk>



Training & Best Practice Highlights!

Please make sure you check the Training workshops and courses leaflet ...

Monday 6th February ~ 8.00pm - 9.00pm

at The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester, WR1 2JE

How to start Faith at home with Families

As children's workers we are not the only ones responsible to help children with their faith- so how can we help parents do this at home more?

Come and find out.

Monday 12th March ~ 8.00pm - 9.00pm

at

Holy Trinity, Old Hill, Cradley Heath, B64 6AJ

What is Messy Church and why do it?

MC is one of the fast growing outreach projects for the whole family. Come along and see if it would fit into your church vision.

Easter Resource workshops

Monday 20th Feb

at Holy innocents, Kidderminster, Foley Park, DY11 6LA

Tuesday 21st February

at St Mathews, Ronkswood, Worcester, WR5 1NW

Thursday 23rd February

at Holland House, Crophorne, Pershore, WR10 3NB

All workshops are running from 8.00pm - 9.00pm

Child Protection Training Sessions 2012

Here are the dates and approximate locations of this year's child protection training events.

WORCESTER The Old Palace, Abbots Kitchen, Wednesday 15th February 10.30am - 12.30pm DAYTIME

STOURBRIDGE Lye & Stambermill, Christ Church hall, Monday 12th March 7.00 -9.00pm

EVESHAM Church House, Tuesday 1st May 7.00-9.00pm

REDDITCH St Peter's Church Centre, Ipsley, Tuesday 31st May 7.00-9.00pm

WORCESTER The Old Palace, Abbots Kitchen, Monday 4th October 7.00-9.00pm

STOURPORT St Michaels & All Angels, Tuesday 20th November 10.30am - 12.30pm DAYTIME

If you would like to book places please contact Judy Baker 01905 732811 jbaker@cofe-worcester.org.uk or go to www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/work_of_the_diocese/child_protection.php

You can contact the Diocesan Children's Officer by post to The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester WR1 2JE
on email via epettifer@cofe-worcester.org.uk
or via telephone 01905 732823 or 07754 501660

