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Easter 2016

There are lots of information, resources and ideas for the run up to Easter plus some training opportunities and some terrific events for 2016. This month there is a fair amount of information coming to us about helping children and young people to engage with the Bible. Don't forget deadlines for booking in to Spree and The Big Night Out!

Every Blessing to all this Eastertide.

Jo, Andy, Jon and Nigel

News and Information

Bulk purchase Bibles, New Testaments and Gospels from Authentic Media. There are discounts for bulk purchases, so parishes or schools might be interested.

<http://goo.gl/JIAw9B>

The Guardian articles have picked out some of the world survey headlines regarding British 8 year olds, particularly that they are quite low down in the rankings regarding happiness. I've included the link to the full report so that you can read it for yourselves.

<http://goo.gl/brnkwZ>

<http://goo.gl/Wkb6YQ>

<http://goo.gl/8PIbs4>

The **Anti-bullying Alliance and Council for Disabled Children** have come up with an accessible leaflet (written by children & young people) about the dangers of cyber-bullying:

<http://goo.gl/19VTPM>



Risen – *The most important man hunt in history* -

Risen depicts the events after the crucifixion of Jesus but with a different perspective through the eyes of a sceptical Roman soldier to turns to believe in Jesus. Watch the official trailer from Sony films: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcTVLfn5i8g> “The most important event in human history through the eyes of a non believer”

Here's a 2m30sec video review done by Dan Rackham having seen a pre-screening of the new Risen movie. <https://youtu.be/IKSWFzr81ko> and from the official movie page, Ministry resources:

<http://goo.gl/ZuK6vK>

Degree courses designed for people already working, and wanting to work with children, young people and/or families in a paid or voluntary capacity. Chester University:

<http://goo.gl/ODCXDw>

<http://goo.gl/CaHH9C>

The Gabriel Collective is a project to help young adults share their faith story via social and digital media. The target group is 18 – 35 year olds, and there's a launch event being held in London on 12th March to give people tips & skills.

All the details are here: <http://www.gabrielcollective.org/#event> and here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-tickets-21338433830>

Events

Hello this is God Calling A day for young people (aged 14-18) to begin to explore what it might mean to follow God for the rest of their lives.

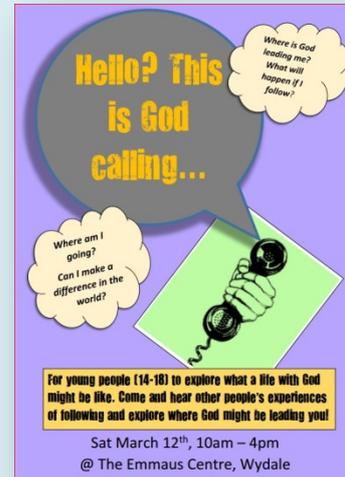
DATE: 12 Mar 2016

10:00am – 16:00pm

VENUE: The Emmaus Centre, Wydale

The BIG NIGHT OUT Lightwater Valley theme park, Saturday 14th May 2016 2pm – 9pm for senior school age young people. All inclusive price of £16 BEFORE 1st May or £19 on the gate. Includes rides, and open air concert and entertainment. More details will arrive soon, keep a check on the web site and the FaceBook page.

<http://www.thebignightout.org.uk/>



SPREE NE 2016 have a you tube dvd which gives an idea of what Spree is about. A great tool to encourage groups to come along. <https://youtu.be/HLfH73v5uVM>

Early bird bookings close on April 15th. For more on spree weekend go to Urban Saints : <http://www.urbansaints.org/events/413>

St.Hilda's Way – a Pilgrimage for young people and families in the Diocese of York 26th – 30th July

An opportunity to enter into the story of an extraordinary woman who played a key role in our church history by walking together in her footsteps... <http://goo.gl/8AxliL>

Resources

Watch the Easter story unfold with Friends and Heroes!

Help your children understand the real meaning of Easter by viewing Easter episodes (35-39) on our new pay-to-view channel. Friends and Heroes is a series of animated adventures set in the first century, bringing the timeless stories of the Bible to life for a new generation.

www.friendsandheroes.com/bible-lessons



Guardians of Ancora is an amazing virtual world that 8-to 11-year-olds can enter: a place where Bible stories come alive. SU has a vision to give 18 million children worldwide, by 2020, daily opportunities to engage with the Bible through Guardians of Ancora.

<http://goo.gl/ODitjO>

Easter Cracked presentations are a great way to reach out to your local school in a way that introduces them to Jesus and teaches them about this central event in the Christian faith.
<http://goo.gl/IXh4mE>

Outdoor Church from BRF, provides 20 sessions to take church outside the building for children and families. www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857464163/

In April BRF will be releasing three books written by Becky May, each providing a year's worth of session ideas to help children explore faith – suitable for Sunday or midweek groups looking for something new.

God's Story for under 5s [Click here](#)

God's Story for 5-7s [Click here](#)

God's Story for 7-11s [Click here](#)

And in June, *The Big Book of Bible Crafts* [Click here](#)

For Messy Church – two new books lined up...

Messy Hospitality [Click here](#) comes out in April, and in May *Messy Togetherness* [Click here](#)

"**Young Church Magazine**" is a weekly resource for use with children. It follows the lectionary, offering a few pages of activities and a colouring sheet to use each week. Available for an annual subscription of £18 <http://goo.gl/3HcxQ4>

The Children's Society has produced resources for an Easter 'Bake and Brew' (as in Tea, nothing stronger.....) <http://goo.gl/hwntjo>

Schools Work

Fuzzy felt (by this takes me back a bit – Ed) **Mustard Seed Kids -BEULAH LAND**

"The goal of Christian Education is not the communication of correct views about what the various works and words of Jesus might mean; rather it is the stocking of the imagination with the icons of those works and words themselves. It is most successfully accomplished, therefore, not by catechisms that purport to produce understanding, but by stories that hang the icons, understood or not, on the walls of the mind." Parables of Grace, by Robert Farrar Capon

<http://goo.gl/Y1TiAt>

What happened to the body? With only a few short weeks until Easter there is much for the busy RE teacher to be thinking about. REquest have many resources available for the classroom in both Primary and Secondary School, but can also easily be adapted for use within church settings: <http://goo.gl/qhfejO>

Jobs

York Carers Centre

Activity Coordinator for Young People

30 hours per week

Closing Date: 12 noon, Monday 7th March 2016

Interview Date: Monday 14th March 2016

Application packs can be found on our website

www.yorkcarerscentre.co.uk.

Lead Officer for Young Adult Carers

37 hrs per week

Maternity Cover – up to one year

Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 7th March 2016

Interview date: Tuesday 15th March 2016

Application packs can be found on our website

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