



# DIOCESE OF YORK

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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## Spring 2016

The spring and summer months offer us all manner of opportunities to give our children and young people some amazing experiences of life and faith. There are so many activities

outside with an array of camps, house-parties and holidays such as SPREE

NE, YCHC, VENTURES and SU to name but a few. This year there is

the opportunity to do something different – perhaps

emulating the Archbishop of York's Pilgrimage, with a family

pilgrimage walking across the North Yorkshire Moors. **St Hilda's**

**Way** has been developed by John & Nancy Eckersley who are

experienced walkers, and Andy and Jo Bowden are going to lead a

fantastic opportunity for all the family to come together and enter

into the story of a remarkable woman –St. Edna (I mean Hilda). Join

in for all or part of it – see below for more details.



The team are always available to come to help in your parish in a variety of ways, helping to train and equip leaders of ministry among children and young people from RPA's to bespoke evenings. Please don't hesitate to contact us.

With our warmest greetings

*Nigel, Jon, Jo & Andy*

## News and Information

### MESSY CHURCH

Press release from the first International Messy Church Conference has a highlights video and a welcome message from the Archbishop of Canterbury

[www.messychurch.org.uk/event/messy-church-international-conference](http://www.messychurch.org.uk/event/messy-church-international-conference). These can also be found on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) How Messy is Your Church - see below for a training event at Wydale Hall.

**Riding Lights Theatre Company** are currently in the process of booking the Yorkshire tour of their brand new family Christmas production "Three Cheers for Christmas!" This year the production tours from Monday 21st November until Thursday 22nd December. Any churches in the York diocese that might be interested in hosting a performance please contact Helen Clarke

Phone: 01904 655317

Email: [helen@rltc.org](mailto:helen@rltc.org)

Website: [www.ridinglights.org](http://www.ridinglights.org)

### SAFEGUARDING

NSPCC and City of York Safeguarding Children Board as part of the 'Its not OK' campaign

#### Be Share Aware - and keep your child safe online

We tell our children it's good to share - but online it's different. In fact sometimes sharing online can be dangerous. These links will help untangle the web, and give parents confidence in talking to their children about how to stay safe online.

- Being [Share Aware](#) will help keep your child safe online.
- Watch and share our [short film](#)
- and take a look at our [straightforward advice](#)

## It's NOT raining men!

There is a shortage of men volunteering in the average children's ministry. But it doesn't have to be that way. If you'd like to see more men serving in your children's ministry, here's five ways to bring them in. - See more at: <http://goo.gl/eaE17o>



### The BIG NIGHT OUT

Did you go this year? We are looking for feedback through this cunningly simple on-line survey which will quickly help us to find what did or didn't work for you this year.

Please take a few minutes to add your voice, we need your feedback by 12<sup>th</sup> June! You can take part by clicking here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FGJWMQ7>

## Events

**ST.HILDA'S WAY PILGRIMAGE**— a Pilgrimage for young people and families in the Diocese of York 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July

An opportunity to enter into the story of St Hilda, an extraordinary woman who played a key role in our church history . Come and walk together in her footsteps, have great fellowship and fun with loads of different activities too. You can find the information and booking form on the diocesan web site: Details Here: <http://goo.gl/YTMfFB>



### SPREE NE 2016

24 – 26 June 2016 There is still time to last minute book in - for more on spree weekend go to Urban Saints : <http://www.urbansaints.org/events/413>

### YCHC SUMMER CAMPS

To coincide with York & North Yorkshire schools breaking up for the summer holidays later the dates and prices are as follows:

**XPLoRE 1: Saturday 30th July - Saturday 6th August.** Ages 11-16 (School Years 6-11). Price £200.

**XPLoRE 2: Saturday 6th August - Saturday 13th August.** Ages 11-16 (School Years 6-11). Price £200.

**XCiTE 1: Friday 29th July - Wednesday 3rd August.** Ages 8-11 (School Years 3-6). Price £150

**XCiTE 2: Wednesday 3rd August - Monday 8th August.** Ages 8-11 (School Years 3-6).

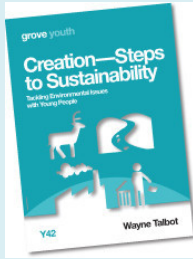
**XCiTE 3: Monday 8th August - Saturday 13th August.** Ages 8-11 (School Years 3-6). Price £150.

For more information contact Tim / see the video / visit the website <http://ycyh.org.uk/>

## Resources

**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/ODjtjO>

### STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY



One of the aspects of the diocesan **Fully Alive in God** framework is about 'Caring for God's Creation' and environmental stewardship is an important part of that care. As those whose futures will be most affected by issues such as climate change, young people can often possess fresh insights and perspectives. This helpful Grove Booklet offers advice on how to encourage youth groups to engage with sustainability issues, and sets out a framework to help young people to identify local problems and set up projects to address them. More info here: <https://goo.gl/VauCgH>

### The Lord's Prayer

After the Archbishops encouraged the nation through ThyKingdomCome to say the Lord's Prayer, The Lord's Prayer Cube is once again in stock: <https://goo.gl/PFNVsv>

### EMOJIS

So what's the next big thing in Emojis? It's a Bible translation of course— OH YES! Find out more here: <http://goo.gl/Hq7TTw>



### New BRF Titles

The new titles available are listed here with links to full information and sample pages:

**Outdoor Church** [Click here for more information](#)

**10 Minute Assemblies for 4-11s** [Click here for more information](#)

**Messy Hospitality** [Click here for more information](#)

And... a new series covering God's Story for groups of all ages.

**God's Story for Under 5s** [Click here for more information](#)

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

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

### VEGGIE TALES IS BACK!!!

(This will take my own children back a few years)! The well-loved Biblically-grounded cartoon featuring anthropomorphic fruit and veg – is back. The adventures of Bob, Larry and their other vegetable friends began back in 1993. The veggies, which bring to life the stories of the Bible while also touching on Christian themes of honesty, friendship and heroism, are the brain child of Phil Vischer and Mike Nawrocki. Catch a sneak preview here:



## Training & Conferences

### How Messy is Your Church?

Saturday 25 June 9.45am to 4.00pm

Wydale Hall



Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. If you are involved in Messy Church in your parish and would like to get some new idea, or if you think it sounds great but wouldn't know where to start, do come along for a day of inspiration and practical information. With Jane Leadbetter of Messy Church. £25.00 to include refreshments and full buffet lunch. Places can be booked at Wydale events pages on line ([www.wydale.org](http://www.wydale.org)) or by phoning 01723 859270.

## Schools Work

There are hopes children in England will develop a better understanding of Christianity thanks to a fresh bid to transform religious education lessons in schools.

The Church of England has unveiled a new training resource called 'Understanding Christianity', following concerns that classes currently do not always get to the heart of core Christian beliefs.

Read more here: <http://goo.gl/i0Cx3f>

**Clergy: If you want to disciple young people, quit doing assemblies.** <https://goo.gl/8S05ia>

And just for balance

**Clergy: please don't quit doing assemblies!** <https://goo.gl/EDS8Ze>

*(It's like the referendum isn't it - Ed!)*

**Schools Work UK** has a number of other articles and resources available, especially for clergy and schools workers who need some fast inspiration! [www.schoolswork.co.uk](http://www.schoolswork.co.uk)

### SCRIPTURE UNION

Helping children move from primary to secondary school is a great way that churches can serve their local schools. It's Your Move is a small book that is designed to help you do this. Why not consider buying a copy for all those in Year 6 at your local school and presenting it to them as a gift in a special assembly or lesson? To find out more and download the free resources pack. Find out more



<http://goo.gl/ksJmvO>

### STUDY INTO STUDENT WORK:

Student Christian Movement (SCM) is asking for your help in circulating a survey about church engagement with university students. The survey aims to establish a context for student ministry that will enable more churches of varying sizes and traditions to grow and improve their work with students. Find the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MSSRRXQ>

### MOVING TO UNIVERSITY

A preparation for uni resource with a fresh perspective... an all new edition of **Studentscape!** This is an honest and reflective discipleship tool and bible study for anyone within the student culture. Using a value-based approach to discipleship, it will challenge and equip young people for this life stage, offering practical insights into major issues and how to navigate through them. It covers topics such as identity, work, friendships, money and cultural expectations and plenty more it considers the challenges the young adult faces.

It's interactive, thought provoking and practical- the ideal preparation for university resource. This is a brilliant book for your young people to do on their own, alongside other students or with a mentor. <http://www.fusion.uk.com/>

## Jobs

### Children and Youth Worker

Lower Wensleydale Youth Project

Closing Date 17<sup>th</sup> June Details: <http://goo.gl/WEMhyy>