



DIOCESE OF YORK

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk



Advent 2016

Dear friends and colleagues,

This is the last Candy Newsletter of 2016 but also my last communication as Children's and Youth Work Adviser. As mentioned in the last newsletter I am moving to become the Vicar of Filey. I begin my new work on 13th December with an Institution and Induction service in St Oswald's Church, Filey at 7:30 PM. I would therefore seek your prayers in preparation for this new challenge in my ministry

The last 16 years have been a blast, and I have enjoyed the work of encouraging, mentoring, training, informing and hanging out with youth and children's work leaders as well as putting on some significant events for young people. I thank you too for all the support and kindness you have shown me over many years.

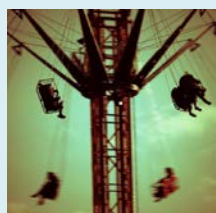
For me, children's and youth work in the life of the church is one of the most important ministries that we as a church must engage in. That may mean having a presence within the local school or having great children's and youth activities but it is essentially about where enabling growth in faith and safe space to explore the wonderful mystery of Christ our Lord. As I bid you farewell I would also want to encourage you all the more to seek ways to nurture faith in the lives of our young people. Don't just tell but let them explore the faith, let them participate and value young people because without them we're lost.

Although my post will now go into vacancy, Jon Steel in East Riding and Jo and Andy Bowden in Cleveland will to some extent oversee work within the York archdeaconry, so please contact them if you need to. In the meantime here's a pick of recent information that has come across the desk:



Nigel

News and Information



The BIG NIGHT OUT

There have been many personnel changes in the team that brings you BNO with 5 people leaving all at the same time! Currently BNO faces a shortfall of key people but on 3rd October it was thankfully decided that there were just enough organisations being represented with the hope that more will be added as time goes on. Therefore **BNO17 WILL BE HAPPENING** on 20th May 2017. Prices, timings, bands etc will all be announced in due course, but please keep an eye out for information on social media, the BNO website and diocesan mailing.

SEXTING

A presentation and guidance on sexting by the UK Council for Child Internet Safety has been put together. They might prove useful if you are addressing any sessions on internet safety. I have put these into our resources page on the diocesan website: <https://goo.gl/eBJKx8>

Resources

INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

The Uniting Church in Australia is now publishing intergenerational materials based on the Lectionary. Written by Beth Barnett, with ideas for prayer, Bible, Psalm and music
<https://goo.gl/pWq7Bf>

FROM MESSY CHURCH

BIG ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IDEAS (click on the blue link for more information).

Messy Church and BRF Christmas books

[BRF Christmas books](#) for Messy Church children and families

[Christmas Family Time](#) mini booklets for Messy Church families and a special offer on multiple buys.

[Messy Christmas](#) packed with ideas and sessions for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

[Messy Nativity](#) take the Christmas story out into the streets and shops with Messy knitted sheep and trails! Read about some of the trails on our [website](#)

[Family Fun for Christmas](#) Faith in the home

[The No-Rehearsal Nativity](#) Join in on the day!

[Celebrating Festivals](#) Readings, reflections, crafts and prayer activities for 20 major church festivals

[Seasonal Activities for Christmas Festivities](#) Teaching programmes for 7-11s

[Bethlehem Carols Unpacked](#) Creative ideas for Christmas carol services

[Creative Ideas for Advent & Christmas](#) 80 seasonal activities

[The Gingerbread Nativity](#) for all church groups

Messy Christmas session [downloads](#) from Messy Church books 1 and 2 @99p each

There is still a special [offer](#) re the four Messy 'thinking' books until 10th November

Christmas on the Messy website

Messy SEND Christmas session on the [website](#)

A story of a Messy Christmas [baptism](#)

Messy Logos: Don't forget that this year you can use our new logo for [Messy Advent](#) as well as the Messy Christmas logo!

Christmas on our Messy Pinterest Boards

[Advent, Christmas & Epiphany](#) board

[YouTube Bible Stories](#) board

[Messy Nativity Sheep Trail ideas](#) board

More Advent and Christmas links and ideas

[Faith in Homes](#) Advent and Christmas ideas to share as a family

[Barnabas in Churches](#) Advent and Christmas Celebration ideas

[CPO](#) Christmas tracts and give aways

[Baker Ross](#) Nativity crafts

[Baker Ross](#) Advent and Christmas kits, art and craft supplies

Advent Calendars: [Real Advent Calendars](#); [Godventure](#); [Traidcraft](#)

[Wooden Christmas craft shapes](#)

[Russian doll Nativity style](#)

[Fair Trade Nativity sets](#)

[Busted Advent in Two Minutes video](#)

Other information

We are delighted that lots of £100s are gushing in from our [Messy Church £100 Appeal](#) Thank you for the encouragement

[Register](#) your Messy Church (it is free and easy to do) and families can find it on our busy Messy Church Directory

Read our latest Messy [blogs](#)

Join the 5,537 followers on our [Facebook](#) page

Contact your [Regional Coordinator](#) for prayer and support

Keep up to date on our Twitter @MessyChurchBRF and with our [Newsletter](#)

Thank you for all you are doing for the families in your community.

VIDEO CLIPS

Would you appreciate a website where you could download bite size free evangelistic videos for use in services, youth groups or events, such as Dan Rackams' parody of the John Lewis Advert in 2015?

We've RECENTLY launched..... here it is: www.GoChatterVideos.com

Training & Conferences

FROM GODLY PLAY:

Play Childhood Spirituality Conference 12th – 13th May 2017.

“Come Dance With Me” with speakers John L Bell & Peter Privett and is being held at Sheffield Cathedral.

Friday Evening 12th May

6 pm Drinks reception and welcome

7.30 Talk by John Bell

Saturday 13th May

9.30 am Arrival and welcome

10.30 Talk by Peter Privett followed by exploration together

12.30 Lunch

1.30 Further opportunities for wondering, response, exploring new Godly Play opportunities, walking a labyrinth and silent reflection.

3.00 Regional meetings

4.30 Celebratory Service, blessing, sending out.

Throughout the day there will be time to browse a variety of stalls including resources from St Michael's Workshop, a Godly Play flea market. There will be representatives from a variety of organisations supporting spiritual development among children and adults.

Friday Evening only (with glass of wine) £25

Saturday only (including lunch) £40

Friday evening and Saturday (including lunch) £50

Booking Form: <http://godlyplay.coffeecup.com/forms/UKConfBooking/>

There is also the opportunity to combine this event with an Enrichment Day in Sheffield (for those who have completed the 3 day accredited core training course). Full details are displayed separately at <http://www.godlyplay.uk/courses/further-training/>

Venue: The Vine – St Stephens Church, Finley street, Netherthorpe, Sheffield S3 7PL

Date: Friday 12th May 2017

Times: 9.30 am coffee for 9.45 start – 4.30 pm

Cost: £30 to include refreshments.

3 Day Training in York

The new Godly Play classroom at Lidgett Methodist church in York is going to be the venue for a fully accredited three day Godly Play training course in April next year.

Full details on the Godly Play UK website: <https://goo.gl/XuJJd2> This means bookings can now be made through the UK secretary - Sheila Rogers whose contact details are on the web page.

Previous attendees from our network have found that the Methodist Church and Anglican Church are sometimes able to assist with the cost of the course if you are going to be using it in their locality and willing to showcase GP in the area. It is worth asking the question of support thorough your minister, vicar, regional trainers etc.

Schools Work

EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLBEING

HEARTSMART was launched earlier this year. It builds resilience and active empathy in the hearts of children and is designed to help schools shape a culture that promotes good emotional and mental health. It's all Biblically based and there is an enhanced C. of E. version with Bible verses throughout. It's a memorable and creative way to teach PSHE, Christianity and C. of E. distinctiveness with highly visual content and sticky language. Visit www.heartsmartprimary.com to find out more.

So that's it for now; there are some more round robin newsletters come in that I will send out too before I leave, these may be of use to you.

With my very best wishes

Every Blessing for Advent and Christmas and on behalf of the Children's and Youth Work Advisers' Team.

Nigel

Jon Steel

Children's and Youth Work Adviser (East Riding Archdeaconry)

ercyas@ydbf.karoo.co.uk

07711 880042

Andy and Jo Bowden

Children's and Youth Work Consultants for Cleveland Archdeaconry

aj.thewell@gmail.com

Andy: 07544 705064 Jo: 07526 255215