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## Dear Leader


Here we go again; the beginning of a new season not just for many sports fans but for schools, families and of course work among children and young people in our churches across the diocese. Coming soon will be Harvest, Halloween, Remembrance, Advent, Christmas. Resources abound, and a simple search on the internet will come up with mountains of 'stuff'. We'll continue to point you to some of the better and more reliable ones as time goes by. There's always too much to put into one newsletter, and so we're looking to keep you informed in smaller doses of news updates. If there are specific resources or training needs then please do get in touch with the team as well as seeking help through the Candy Network.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August it was National Sunday School Day - well in South Africa it was, but here it was just another Sunday. Perhaps we should adopt it in recognition of the important theological, cultural and relational work of the many volunteers who work so hard to enable children and young people grow in faith. Without you our faith would have no children and we would be a Church so much poorer for it. So although we're not planning a big celebration, we would like to thank you for all that you do to share Christ and shape young lives.

With every Blessing for the coming season

*Nigel, Jon, Andy & Jo*

## NEWS & INFORMATION


1	<b>Teenage Prayer Experiment</b> : watch the video, explore prayer with your youth group.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
2	<p><b>Prayer Website Videos:</b> The C of E are producing a new prayer website and looking for a variety of video contributions for it. What they need are short video clips of no more than 1 minute 30 seconds either completing one of the following sentences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· I pray because...</li> <li>· I pray when....</li> <li>· Prayer is....</li> <li>· Or offering a short prayer</li> </ul> <p>Talitha Proud writes... <i>We're looking for a diverse range of voices, young and old, people speaking on their own, as a group and everything in between. It might be someone who's only just started praying or someone who's been praying everyday since they were a child.</i></p> <p>It can filmed on an smartphone or tablet and then emailed to <a href="mailto:Talitha.proud@churchofengland.org">Talitha.proud@churchofengland.org</a></p>	
3	 <p><b>The Advent Sleepout Challenge 2015</b></p> <p>Here's a great youth work/church challenge: This Advent Church Urban Fund will be asking people all over England to give up a night of comfort and organise their own sponsored sleepouts with their friends, families, churches and community groups. The Advent Sleepout Challenge will bring communities together and give hope and support to thousands of people across England. More details and registration: <a href="mailto:hello@cuf.org.uk">hello@cuf.org.uk</a></p>	

4	<b>Open the Book reaches 2000 schools:</b> This Bible Society-backed project has announced that 2000 registered primary schools are now taking part in the scheme and more than 400 schools have registered since October 2014. To be part of this in your local school go to:	<a href="#">LINK</a>
5	<b>The Yorkshire Agricultural Society</b> based at the Showground in Harrogate offer courses for Primary School teachers and assistants currently involved in practical work in schools. They have extended the invitation for these courses to those working with children and young people in other local organisations, including churches. All courses are FREE and include lunch and other refreshments. If you would like to know more:	<a href="#">LINK</a>
6	<b>Children reveal natural inclination to spirituality</b> A new report has revealed that Children are open to spirituality and have a " <i>natural inclination for prayer</i> ", regardless of whether their parents have an active or non-existent faith, according to new research. (Erm... this is not new - ed).	<a href="#">LINK</a>
10	<b>Brand new CEOP resource: NUDE SELFIES: What Parents and Carers Need to Know</b> This is a series of four short animated films for parents and carers offering advice on how to help keep their children safe from the risks associated with sharing nude and nearly nude images. Film One: Understanding Why Film Two: Talking to your child Film Three: When should I be worried? Film Four: How to get help The Nude Selfies films are accompanied by a guidance pack including a suggested session plan and practitioner guidance for delivering an effective workshop.	<a href="#">LINK</a>

## EVENTS (Dates for your 2016 program diary)!!!!

1	<b>SPREE NE 2016</b> – URBAN SAINTS – An awesome camping weekend for 8-15 year old young people held near Thirsk	<a href="#">LINK</a>
2	<b>Big Night Out 2016</b> PROVISIONAL DATE 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2016. Prices and Band to be confirmed, but if you would like to make suggestions the team meet in October and you could influence their decision by suggesting bands and sending links to live videos on YouTube or web sites. Contact <a href="mailto:nigel.chapman@yorkdiocese.org">nigel.chapman@yorkdiocese.org</a> or Jen Middleton <a href="mailto:JMiddleton@urbansaints.org">JMiddleton@urbansaints.org</a> You can also find photos and comment about this year on the web site:	<a href="#">LINK</a>

## RESOURCES

1	<b>50 Praise, Pray, Play Sessions:</b> A practical way for churches to engage with families throughout the week. Requiring little preparation or set-up time, each session explores a biblical theme or story through gathering activities, interactive ice-breakers, simple crafts, different approaches to storytelling, accessible forms of prayer, reflective discussions and a challenge for the week ahead.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
2	<b>Light Party Pack:</b> Scripture Union Halloween alternative resources:	<a href="#">LINK</a>
3	<p><b>Guardians of Ancora app</b> is now available to download and play on your tablet / smartphone. Developed by Scripture Union please pass on to children and families in your church.</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>iPad users</b> can download the iOS version on the Apple App Store: <a href="http://ancora.click/1LFbK4j">http://ancora.click/1LFbK4j</a></li> <li><b>Android tablet users</b> can download the Android version on Google Play Store: <a href="http://ancora.click/1g5cjr6">http://ancora.click/1g5cjr6</a></li> <li><b>Kindle Fire HD users</b> can download the Kindle version on Amazon App Store: <a href="http://ancora.click/1KmsWtn">http://ancora.click/1KmsWtn</a></li> </ul>	
4	<b>Messy Liturgy – Now there's a thought!</b> Martyn Payne writes and thinks about liturgy for Messy Church –	<a href="#">LINK</a>

	Also take a look at Lucy Moore's blog ' <a href="#">Evangelism with Families</a> '	
5	<b>Flame:</b> Creative Children's Ministry: Exploring Communion Liturgy Through Play – here's some thought and ideas.	<a href="#">LINK</a>

## TRAINING & CONFERENCES

1	<p><b>Inspiring Children's Faith</b> A day of workshops with 2 keynote talks by Jon Steel, Children's and Youth Work Adviser for East Riding Archdeaconry. Workshops include Engaging Children in Reflective Prayer, Nurturing Faith and Open the Book.</p> <p>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10am – 4pm £10 each / Group of 5 £40 Kings Church Beverley More information call Cathy on 07913 378148 or email Jenny <a href="mailto:jljarrat@hotmail.com">jljarrat@hotmail.com</a></p>	<a href="#">LINK</a>
2	 <p><b>Why Under 5's Count</b> – Workshops day for anyone involved in Baptism and all other aspects of Ministry with under 5's and their families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October St Cuthbert's Church Colburn DL9 4LT 2pm – 5pm</li> <li>• Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Hellifield Community Primary School Kendal Road BD23 4HA 2pm- 5pm</li> <li>• Wed 21<sup>st</sup> October St John's Church Centre Knaresborough HG5 9AR 7pm – 9.30pm</li> </ul> <p>For a booking form or for more information contact; Ann Hall at Church House, Wakefield. Tel 01924 371802 or email; <a href="mailto:ann.hall@westyorkshiredales.anglican.org">ann.hall@westyorkshiredales.anglican.org</a></p>	<a href="#">LINK</a>
3	 <p><b>Prayer Spaces In Schools Day Conferences</b> <b>DATES &amp; DETAILS</b> <b>NORTH</b> <b>Saturday 26th September, 10.30am-5pm</b> <b><a href="#">St George's Conference Centre</a> in LEEDS.</b> <b>Places, £20 - <a href="#">Book HERE</a>.</b></p> <p>Basically, if you are interested or involved in running prayer spaces in schools in any way, these days are for you.</p>	<a href="#">LINK</a>
4	<p><b>Playtime National conference 26<sup>th</sup> Sept Manchester.</b> The conference is for Parent and toddler group leaders and their teams, and is a great day full of 12 relevant workshops, key note speakers, resources and worship. The last 2 years have been sold out on our early bird booking.</p>	<a href="#">LINK</a>

In the coming weeks we will celebrate Harvest and there will be people looking for resources for Alternative Halloween activities – please do share with us on the network what you are doing this year and inspire each other.

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