



# DIOCESE OF YORK

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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## Autumn 2016

As we get back into the swing of things after the summer, it might be worth reminding you of the framework 'Fully Alive in God' which aims to help you to be more strategic in your work with children and young people. It isn't a strategy in itself but a means by which you can begin to measure what you are already doing, what perhaps needs to change and what challenges you need to face. What are you not doing that you could do or what you might be really strong on but not so good elsewhere. It is all about helping to develop young lives in their own faith journey and discipleship. Our aim is to provide opportunities for children and young people in each of the five areas



- Experiencing God
- Developing a relationship with God
- Helping to further God's Kingdom
- Caring for God's creation
- Being valued by and valuing Church

If you would like one of the team to come and help you think through this or other areas of work with children and young people, please do get in touch.

With our warmest greetings

*Nigel, Jon, Jo & Andy*

## News and Information

### New appointment for Nigel

For over 16 years Nigel Chapman has been the Archdeaconry of York Adviser for Children's and Youth Work, he was just 42 when he started! Nigel is now on the move again having been appointed as Vicar of Filey. His licensing will take place later in the year. Please continue to pray for him as he and Viv move and face new and different challenges.



### The BIG NIGHT OUT

There are going to be many personnel changes in the team that brings you BNO (including Nigel) and currently BNO faces a shortfall of key people to make it happen in 2017. A meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at Lightwater Valley will make a final decision. If you think you could help steer it on behalf of the Diocese of York, please get in touch with Nigel.

## Events

### CEYC (Church Of England Youth Council)

FRIDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 17:00 - SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THE PIONEER CENTRE - CLEOBURY MORTIMER, DY14 8JG

Each diocese has 2 spaces at the CEYC weekend and it would be great to have a couple of young people go from this diocese. Please contact Jon Steel if you know of anyone aged 16-25 who might like to go. Spaces are limited, so act now. The Residentials are a great opportunity for young people/adults in the church to get together from across the country in a completely youth led environment. To book you will need a password from Jon: <https://goo.gl/XzYJND>

**The Knitted Bible** is coming to St. Marys in Boston Spa from [November 12-20th](#).

This is made up of 33 stories from the bible all in knitted form which we will display around church. The church will be inviting school and youth groups during the week and will be open to everyone on Saturday 19th November with refreshments served all day. For more information nearer the time visit: <http://www.stmarysbostonspa.org.uk/>

## Resources

### Yorkshire Camps

Many people will know about 'The Oakes' centre in Sheffield, but recently I came across a similar project nearer to home: YORKSHIRE CAMPS. Indeed Dan from The Oakes is one of their trustees. The set-up is typical of a residential centre where young people go for a week or a weekend, with leaders, but the difference is that the programme is put together and delivered by the team at Yorkshire Camps. More information: <http://www.yorkshirecamps.org.uk/who>

### Lectio Divina with Children

If you know about LD, you will know how it is a useful tool for personal spiritual exploration of a passage of scripture, but have you thought about doing it with children?

*"This beautiful practice can be a powerful experience of praying with Scripture as a family. As the children begin to read, they can take turns reading the Scripture story."* Find out more at Building Faith - <http://www.buildfaith.org/lectio-divina-children/>

## Scripture Union Light Parties - A Christian alternative to Halloween



Does your church wonder what to do for children at Halloween each year?

Do you want help in answering the questions they ask about it

Do you need some inspired ideas for Light Parties that don't involve lots of preparation?

**Then Scripture Union's FREE Light Party Pack could be just what you need!**

Back for a third year running, the 2016 *Light Party Pack* is full of games, party ideas and resources to help your alternative Halloween event go as smoothly as possible! There is even a pull out planner to help you tailor your Light Party to suit your children and young people.

**Order your FREE Light Party Pack now**

**More details:** <https://goo.gl/5sUfTC>

The *Light Party Pack* has got lots of ideas and suggestions as to how you can turn the modern version of Halloween into something that brings children closer to knowing Jesus as the Light of the World. After all, the origins of Halloween come from All Hallows Eve, a Christian tradition of remembering those who gave up everything to follow Jesus!

And from the Bible Society

**Might there be more to Halloween**

<https://goo.gl/S5WKZ1>

## Training & Conferences



### Short Course in Theology

#### What we believe and why we believe it...

Have you ever wondered what we mean when we say the words of the Creed on a Sunday morning? If so, this course could be for you. This 10 week course will look at some basic theological questions, such as 'who is God' or 'what do we mean by salvation'?

**Wednesday evenings 7-8.30pm, starting 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at the Diocesan offices, Clifton Moor.**

£65.00 per person including refreshments and course materials

For more information or to request an application form please visit [www.ysom.org.uk](http://www.ysom.org.uk) or contact us on [ysom@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:ysom@yorkdiocese.org) or 01904 699500.

### Introduction to Godly Play

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10am -3.30pm

Holy Trinity Church

North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

The course will be led by Heather Black, one of the national trainers for Godly Play UK. The day will be based in the Godly Play Room at Holy Trinity, with opportunity to see a full range of Godly Play resources. Tel Heather Black 01642 271814, e-mail [heather.black@trinitycentre.org](mailto:heather.black@trinitycentre.org)

### Including Children and Young People with Additional Needs in Church Activities.

Saturday 15 October 2016

Jennyfield Evangelical Church

Harrogate.

Wellspring is running a half-day workshop with Lois Addy on The aim of the workshop is to help those in church ministries adapt their teaching style and materials so that all children and young people can hear that God loves them and that they too can have a place in the kingdom of God. Cost: £12 if you book by 12 October or £15 on the door.

Complimentary places available to parents or guardians of children with additional needs. Discount of 10% for church groups of 5 and over.

Lois Addy is an independent SEND advisor, teaching both nationally and internationally. She is the Lead for Cognition and Learning for NYCC, and former lecturer at York St John University. Lois has over 34 years' experience in working with children with SEN, and is a member of Mowbray Community Church in Harrogate. More details: <https://goo.gl/9VgD2i>

## Schools Work

### Getting Started With Prayer Spaces in Schools'

[Tuesday 1st November 7-9pm](#) Diocese of York offices, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York

Since 2008 more than 1500 prayer spaces have taken place in primary and secondary schools around the UK and internationally. If you'd like to know how to get started with prayer spaces in your local schools, and you're keen to meet with others who are running prayer spaces around Yorkshire, then come and join with us.

Olivia Seymour, Education Adviser for the York Diocese, and regional networker for Prayer Spaces in School will be hosting the evening. The evening will include practical how-to-get-started training, stories from local and national prayer spaces, plenty of time for questions, and some example prayer activities to try out.

## **Creative opportunities to explore Christian festivals:**

### **Parishes working with schools**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 7.30-9pm Diocese of York offices, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York

Would you like to find out more about setting up festival journeys for schools, children and young people to experience in your local church? . We will explore the setup of 'Experience Easter' and 'Experience Church' and find out more about how to develop festival experiences in your local church context. Both events are free. To book your place for please email

[Olivia.seymour@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:Olivia.seymour@yorkdiocese.org)

### **Help, There's a School in my Parish!**

**Grove Booklet** £3.95

How can we as a church best serve a local school? This book explores what we might think of doing, why we might do it and what effect it might have on us. It can be used by individuals or groups

[.https://goo.gl/pJGdAo](https://goo.gl/pJGdAo)

## **The Children's Society**

Youth resource

Try out [six youth work sessions](#)! Easy to use, with very little additional planning or preparation needed, they could be just the thing to get a new year off to a flying start. It's all free, online, and [ready to download](#).

If you or any youth workers you know have got stuck in and used the resource, TCS would love to know how it went. Please just [fill in the very short survey](#), to help shape future youth resources.

## **Twelve**

Monmouth, Llandaff and Swansea grouped together to make "twelve" - these short films are about different people and their experiences and at the end they ask a question. This becomes the topic of discussion. These films may be of use to you and your group.

Twelve has been made in Wales - [www.twelvefilm.org](http://www.twelvefilm.org) these can be watched live with good connection or downloaded. Dvds are available too.

## **Kleer**

Start spiritual conversations with young people in any school, church or youth context... this is a new and exciting collection of downloadable (payable) videos. All 24 can be purchased individually or all for £20. Watch the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/kleerseries1>

## **Jobs**

### **Children and Youth Worker**

The Northallerton Benefice is starting a second go at recruiting a Children and Families Minister. The post is full-time with salary up to £25,500 (JNC scale 13-16) depending on experience. There is a GOR that the post holder is a Christian. Appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and enhanced DBS certification. Further information and application details are available on their website <http://www.cofe-northallerton.org.uk/cafminister.html>