

CandY Newsletter

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Welcome to the summer!

There seems to be no let up in the amount of information coming across the Children and Youth Work desks. From new resources to old resources now available on the Internet, from local small events to massive national gatherings, and so there must be something here for everyone. We are endeavouring to make it easier for you to access this information, and we hope soon to be able to offer a new e-newsletter that will be easier for us to collate and much easier for you to view and use direct from your computer. It will also have a corporate design to match the web site.

We would also like to expand and develop the C and Y Network in the diocese into a truly imaginative and helpful tool. Although there are over 100 people on the network receiving information and news about events, resources, legislation, and more importantly sharing ideas and encouragement - we want to expand it so that there is someone in every parish receiving information and passing it on to children and youth work leaders, families, and schools. It's easy to join, and it doesn't matter if there are more than one or two from each parish on the network. So please help us to develop this resource by telling other people and encouraging them to be part of **York CandY**. Simply follow the links to "Sign Up" on the Children and Youth work pages of the diocesan web site.

Nigel and Jon

NEWS & INFORMATION

SAFEGUARDING:

The new Safeguarding material is now available on the Diocesan Website. It includes not only the new Diocesan Safeguarding Policy, but also template forms for you to use. The new Vetting and Barring Scheme is being rolled out in the diocese as from July and November as reported in the last Newsletter. But don't all rush at once; there is a rolling programme for new checks and V&B registration. You can find all relevant material here: <http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/your-church/safeguarding/>

We are also in the process of preparing training material for children and youth work leaders and parish child protection representatives. Plus if you have not been to any children and youth work training before, you can now access a variety of training resources on line. Sue Roughton our Diocesan Child Protection Adviser recommends this site: www.saferchildrenyork.org.uk

DIocese of York - CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK

STAY SAFE

For those of you working with children and young people who are web bound and web savvy (and that probably means most of you know children using web sites), then this Sky News report is a salutary lesson. As responsible leaders and adults we MUST maintain vigilance and help our group members to be vigilant too, by informing them how to stay safe. It is oh so easy for children and teenagers to become the victim of those who prey upon children, even by some (very few) who use their position of trust for ill. If you are informed of the dangers, then you can help your young people to be informed.

So have a look at this news report: [Sky.sky.com](http://news.sky.com/skynews/Home/UK-News/Youth-Consultant-Simon-Beard-Caught-Grooming-Children-For-Sex-On-Web-In-Sky-News-Undercover-Probe/Article/201005115625149?)

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You might perhaps consider some 'stay safe on line' training for your young people and their parents too. CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre) offers training to leaders and parents, and has a very resourceful online site: <http://www.ceop.gov.uk/>

ALERT

This man is wanted by the police.

Police in Lancashire would like this information circulating to contacts across Europe. The information is being sent therefore to CCPAS member organisations in case it is relevant to any work in which your church or organisation is involved on the continent.



Name: Dennis Stephen Bowskill Also known as: Dennis Stephen Troop Date of birth: 18th September 1966 Last known address: 13, Albert Street, Padiham, Lancashire, England Description: Bowskill is described as being around 5 feet four inches tall, of medium build with short dark brown but greying hair and a ginger beard softly spoken, with a North West (England) accent.

He has been charged with creating multiple indecent images of children. He seems to target vulnerable single mothers and moves on to abusing their daughters, including making the photographs. He uses church attendance as a way of meeting the women. He failed to appear at Court on 8th March and the police have now traced him to Calais.

They believe that he will quickly seek to make contact with a church to request support, because he has limited financial means. A European arrest warrant has been issued. Anyone with information is asked to either contact your local police, Interpol, or the local police officer leading the enquiry: DC 2602 ANDY ASHWORTH Dangerous and Sexual Offenders Unit (Pennine) Public Protection Unit Rossendale Police Station Bacup Road Waterfoot BB47JA Tel. 01706 237338/07951162558

NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT

Here's a useful and brief outlined of their projected promises concerning FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

The Government believes that strong and stable families of all kinds are the bedrock of a strong and stable society. That is why we need to make our society more family friendly, and to take action to protect children from excessive commercialisation and premature sexualisation.

- We will maintain the goal of ending child poverty in the UK by 2020.
- We will reform the administration of tax credits to reduce fraud and overpayments.
- We will bring forward plans to reduce the couple penalty in the tax credit system as we make savings from our welfare reform plans.
- We support the provision of free nursery care for pre-school children, and we want that support to be provided by a diverse range of providers, with a greater gender balance in the early years workforce.
- We will take Sure Start back to its original purpose of early intervention, increase its focus on the neediest families, and better involve organisations with a track record of supporting families. We will investigate ways of ensuring that providers are paid in part by the results they achieve.
- We will refocus funding from Sure Start peripatetic outreach services, and from the Department of Health budget, to pay for 4,200 extra Sure Start health visitors.

- We will investigate a new approach to helping families with multiple problems
- We will publish serious case reviews, with identifying details removed.
- We will review the criminal records and vetting and barring regime and scale it back to common sense levels.
- We will crack down on irresponsible advertising and marketing, especially to children. We will also take steps to tackle the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood.
- We will encourage shared parenting from the earliest stages of pregnancy – including the promotion of a system of flexible parental leave.
- We will put funding for relationship support on a stable, long-term footing, and make sure that couples are given greater encouragement to use existing relationship support.
- We will conduct a comprehensive review of family law in order to increase the use of mediation when couples do break up, and to look at how best to provide greater access rights to non-resident parents and grandparents.

MULTI-COLOURS PRAISE PARTY

YoYo and Dave Godfrey have announced that they are no longer going to be doing the MCPP's in York, and the final one is in July. A few people have been a bit upset as you can imagine, as these events have been a fabulous resource for families, children and children's work leaders over the years. They have played a key role in helping children grow in faith. Yet things move on. YoYo are involved in so many fabulous projects around the city, especially in schools, and Dave has a much wider ministry around the country. We thank God for all that they do and for so many children's lives touched by God through their ministries. Can MCPP be replaced?

Nigel is keen to hear from anyone who would like to meet together to discuss possibilities for something that could replace MCPP. It does not need to be a carbon copy, but could be something completely different. As a diocese it might be possible to help resource something in its place. Obviously we will need skilled leaders and musicians but essentially what we need first are people who will come together, to think through the issues, pray and catch a vision for something new. If you are interested please email Nigel: nigel.chapman@yorkdiocese.org

EVENTS

XL-CHILDREN 2010

This mega event is for children and their families and friends, or church children's groups. Tickets are limited so get them booked now. A mass of different activities finishing with a picnic and worship together.

Saturday 26th June
Bishopthorpe Palace
Tickets £3.50 each

More details: see flyer sent to your vicar or download from Diocesan Website: [EVENTS](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/your-church/children-and-youth/events/01252.html)
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XLS/NORTHERN SAINTS

Summer Bank Holiday Weekend – 27-30th August. Aimed at 11-18 year old young people. This is a camping weekend with a difference. Come as groups with leaders or as individuals to join in some amazing worship, fantastic activities and wonderful company. This is a joint event organised by Boys/Girls Brigade and the 5 Dioceses of Yorkshire and the North East. Find out all the details from <http://www.northernsaints.org.uk/>

YORK CHURCHES YOUTH FOOTBALL

Friendly 5-a-side tournaments for church teams who want to enjoy sport and develop friendships with other teams from local churches.

Each year there are 3 tournaments for younger boys and girls (under 13 at the beginning of the school year) which take place at Lord Deramore's school in Heslington on a Sunday afternoon. Registration is £5 per team per tournament which includes Fairtrade chocolate bars for the kids and also provides funding for trophies awarded at the end of the tournament.

There is also a tournament for older children (under 17 at the beginning of the school year) comprising 4 mini-tournaments over the summer months. This is held at Archbishop Holgate's school and the cost to enter is £25 per team for the whole year.

Churches are invited to enter a team into these tournaments as the events serve as a real encouragement to the young people who get involved. Even if you can't muster a team of 5, please feel free to take along a smaller number of players and they'll become part of a team for the day.

The remaining dates for tournaments for this year are as follows;

Heslington tournament: 20th June 2010, September (to be confirmed)

Archbishop Holgate's tournament: 11th July, 26th September.

Any queries or for more information please contact John Eckersley johnneckersley@ymail.com regarding the Heslington tournament or Graham Morris grahamedgarmorris@msn.com re the Archbishop Holgates tournament.

GRACEFEST

Another youth weekend this time organised by young people for young people (with a little help from Ripon and Leeds Diocese and interested leaders – so it's not as disorganised as you might first think)! To be fair, the organisers have done a fabulous job in putting this event together and have 'bagged' some real goodies, including Bandwithaname, Adrian Plass and Christian Aid.

Saturday 17th – Sunday 18th July

Ripon Cathedral

£5 in advance £7 on the day. More details: <http://www.gracefest.org.uk>

Don't forget there are so many other summer activities available from Scripture Union, Falcon Camps, and Ventures as well as uniformed organisations. If you want more details, we'll put the links on the web site.

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY

will be touring a charming Christmas show to primary schools during the week throughout November and December and in churches and other public venues across North Yorkshire on Saturdays. Following the success of its debut year in 2009, *Nearly the Goat* will tour for the second time in 2010.

The show is performed by two actors and a multitude of wonderful puppets - the most charming of which is Nearly (the goat) - a hapless creature who finds himself embroiled in the Nativity and turns out to be a bit of a hero. The show sits somewhere between a nativity and a pantomime and makes for a perfect Christmas experience for families with young children.

IZZY HARRIS is currently looking for 8 churches in the York area and beyond to host a matinee or evening performance of the show on the following dates;

SATURDAY 20TH NOV

SATURDAY 27TH NOV

SATURDAY 4TH DEC

SATURDAY 11TH DEC

PRACTICAL DETAILS;

We require a flat unobstructed performance area of 5m x 5m with a height clearance of 4m to accommodate the set that we'll be bringing with us. No technical requirements are needed.

Churches will need to pay a booking fee of £600 inc VAT which leaves them free to sell tickets for the event (at prices considered appropriate for the surrounding area) which should cover the cost

Many churches that booked the show last year used it as a 'Churches Together' opportunity to open doors to the wider non-church community in the Christmas season, and it works particularly well as an event for churches keen to develop links with local primary schools and develop their young people's ministries as well.

Izzy would be really grateful to work with you in advertising the show to as many youth and church workers throughout the diocese as possible and would be grateful for any pointers that you might be able to give me to get the information to the right people effectively. Please contact her if you require further info: izzy@rltc.org

XLS 2010

This happened on May 22nd and was a fantastic success with over 830 people coming. If you want to see yourself, or what you missed, take a look on the diocesan web site at the video, or Facebook (*XLS Youth Events*) at the photo's and video. Plus don't forget we really need your feedback and you can do that by following the links to 'Survey Monkey' to answer a few simple questions. The more we get back, the more we can evaluate the event and what to do next. Again follow the links from our web site.

XLS 2011

We have provisionally booked York Minster for Saturday 12th February 2011. If you would like to be involved in shaping this event, please do get in touch with Nigel or Jon. We are also considering if we can do another event at Lightwater Valley, but in the end it's all down to money – so watch this space.

TRAINING EVENTS

PARENTING COURSE

Tuesdays 15th, 22nd & 29th June; 6th & 13th July 7.45pm – 9.45pm

Aroma Coffee Shop,

30 The Village, Haxby

Are you a parent with a teenager and don't know what to do next?

Are your children reaching the time when they are approaching double figures and are now testing the limits?

Family Matters York in conjunction with Aroma Coffee Shop invite you to join a series of 5 free evenings in a Parenting Course to help you to tackle difficulties and to parent in a really positive way

For further details or to book a free place please contact Lucy Stirk 768326 or thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Thursday 17th June 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start, ending by 9.45pm

**Aroma Coffee Shop,
30 The Village, Haxby**

An invitation to all parents of Year 6 children about to make the move to secondary school to join for a free, fun and informal session lasting about 2 hours with discussion on:

- Boosting relationships with the child
- Building the child's self esteem
- Getting ready to move up
- Support in the early days

For further details or to book a place, please contact Lucy on 768326 or thestirks@tiscali.co.uk

RESOUND Writing and Choosing songs days

If you (or someone you know) is a worship songwriter or leader, in the middle or north of the UK, we're running some **training days** over the next few weeks you won't want to miss! Some feedback on one of the days we ran last year:

"The kids I brought were full of praise for the teaching and we spent the entire drive back evaluating songs... in a way that was quite an eye opener to them as we applied your principles to their 'favourite' songs... Thanks for a great day."

12th June, York - Writing Songs for Worship in the morning, Choosing Songs in the afternoon. You can come to one or both sessions, so there's something for everyone. If you know people near these venues why not forward this email to them? Full details and booking can be found on the **Music and Worship Foundation Website**: <http://www.mwf.org.uk/writingchoosingsongs.html>

RESOURCES

CHILDREN'S WORK RESOURCES

CURBS – resources for children in urban situations have a new web site and offers:

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

CHILDREN MATTER

Have put a new range of resources and information available on their web site including:

- Government commits to expansion of faith schools
- Scripture Union Offer Next Level Course For Youth and Children's Workers
- But are they listening - children who don't seem to be listening
- Metro Ministries Sunday School Curriculum
- Additional UK Date for Pastor Bill Wilson
- The church and autism in children
- Churches appoint new safeguarding adviser
- The importance of storytelling

The links have broken in this document, but just search using the titles in the CM web site:

<http://childrenmatter.ning.com/>

GODLY PLAY - YORK NETWORK

The next Godly Play networking Meeting will take place on 5th July, 7.30pm at Heworth Methodist Church, York, YO31 1AE.

AT LAST IT'S HERE –

The long awaited follow up to Veggie Tales has arrived... **“What’s in the Bible with Buck Denver & Friends”**. It’s just brilliant and you can have a couple of sneak previews on you tube here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-Mnq_sqMus

AND here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4RowvUFziM&feature=related>

While you’re there have a look at some of the Veggie Tales video’s, so so funny and with a world wide cult following among children and teenagers (who won’t admit it)!



SCHOOLS WORK RESOURCES

OPEN THE BOOK

Enabling every child to hear the story of the Bible in their Primary years...don’t let children in school miss out on what the Bible has to say to and show children. Open the Book has a proven record. Find out more at: www.openthebook.net

FISCHYMUSIC

Songs for religious Assemblies called “Down to earth” helps children to make a connection between the comfortable and uncomfortable bits of their lives and God. The songs are perfect for use in assemblies, linking with themes for Christian Festivals and religious and Moral Education. www.fischy.com

FAMILIES / ALL AGE RESOURCES

FAMILY FRIENDLY CHURCHES Mike Bossingham from has contacted us with the following:

Just a quick reminder the next 6 months Lectionary Videos (that’s 3 Cdroms – C4, C5, C6) are available from: <http://www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/NewSite/offer.php>

In addition we have just launched IDEAS, resources for all age worship, with the material for July 4th. You can see this at <http://www.ffctideas.org.uk/July4.php>

You will need to sign up to get the Username and Password to download the actual files. This is free for the months of July and August.

YOUTH WORK RESOURCES

QUEST, the fantastic pre-Alpha course from Toronto Youth for Christ is now free! The DVDs used to cost £100 or so, but the organisation that produced it has now made the clips available as a free download. They are big files, but well worth getting. Visit <http://www.quest-opensource.com/> Alternatively, Nigel has the video set available FREE to a good Youth Work home, or then again you could borrow the DVD collection.

TAYLORMATION

Parables 2 with clips to get your groups talking is now available: <http://www.taylormation.co.uk/>

CHECK IT OUT

This is a new 6 session discovery course for 11-14's enabling young people to discover Jesus and become his followers. Packed with leader guide, teaching notes, DVD, Vox Pops etc From Viz-a-Vz Ministries: www.checkitout.org.uk

LOG IN LISTEN IN

A new interactive programme for 11-18's from Acorn Christian Healing Foundation. This is aimed at secondary schools and youth groups and aims to help improve relationships through active listening. More details: <http://www.acornchristian.org/>

SPEAK UP

Empowering young people to use their voice for justice – this is a new programme from TEAR FUND with 2 easy to use lesson plans for “eye opening youth work”: www.tearfund.org/network

STUDENTS WORK RESOURCES

Those working in churches with students may find this web site very useful: <http://www.studentlinkup.org/>

AND FINALLY

Something for you if you like cute films <http://focusfeatures.com/film/babies/> If you are into using clips in your youth/children/church try WINGCLIPS for resources including the new films Robin Hood and Babies: <http://www.wingclips.com/> or alternatively REEL ISSUES get's people back in touch with the roots and fundamentals of what Bible teaching is all about (or so David Suchet says). With in-depth notes for cell groups to help you dig deeper: www.reelissues.org.uk

Newly published research from the University of British Columbia finds that spirituality — a personal belief in a higher power — is strongly linked to the happiness of children ages eight to 12, but religiousness — practices such as attending church — is not. If you want the full piece, find it in our resources pages.

And finally finally.....

A quote: from Bethany, age 8: "When we get baptized, we start learning about God. And we're just babies! Our parents take us to church and we CAN UNDERSTAND THINGS!! We can understand things without anybody telling us because GOD is telling us. God can speak our language. And when we sleep, God sends angels into our dreams"