

The Newsletter

"All Included"



There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!



The Newsletter of the Family Friendly Churches Trust

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Our videos with words from Singing the Faith



[Give thanks to the Lord](#)



[Over all the earth](#)



[Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty](#)



[When we were in the darkest night](#)

Mike's Sabbatical

Mike has been making excellent progress on his new book, "Transforming Churches"

The book will offer a host of ideas for inclusive worship, but he wants to focus at least as much on the process of change. It often appears that some folk in our churches can come up with really good ideas, but find it difficult to make the ideas a reality.

He still wants to hear from churches that have made changes to their pattern of worship. Please do contact Mike if you can help. You can contact him on: Mike@Bossingham.com

IDEAS for February

- February 5th - Ordinary 5 - Supported by His strength
- February 12th - Ordinary 6 - What kind of god is God?
- February 19th - Sunday before Lent - Who is Jesus?
- February 26th - Lent 1 - The highs and the lows

As usual there are sermon notes and prayers all supported by PowerPoint files.

There are introductory videos for each week, "Give thanks to the Lord", "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty", "Jesus, restore to us again" and "When we were in the darkest night". These are a great way to settle a congregation and prepare them for worship.

This month there are also children's videos to "I am fearfully and wonderfully made", "I'm gonna jump up and down", "I love it when I'm close to you", "O O O how good is the Lord" and "God is good, we sing and shout it". These are great ways of including children's songs in worship.

We also offer growing number of videos of songs with backing tracks including this month "Give thanks to the Lord", "Over all the earth", "All my days", "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty", "Will you come and follow me" and "When we were in the darkest night". All these are new songs from Singing the Faith and these videos give you the opportunity to introduce them to your congregations,.

We also offer a growing collection of over 500 hymns in PowerPoint format. These are available either by buying access to earlier months or through the IDEAS Collection. This might be the best time of year to give IDEAS a try. Take a look at:

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

What is worship?

- Common Parlance.
 - Christians use the word in at least 3 different ways:
 - The part of a service that is praise and adoration, e.g. A worship leader
 - The whole service, e.g. A service of worship
 - All of our lives should be seen as an act of worship, e.g. A worshipful person.
- All 3 are perfectly valid uses.

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Worship Leaders' Course

Structure of worship

- Worship and Praise
 - May have the following constituents
 - A time of quiet and preparation
 - Perhaps with music or video track
 - Prayers of approach
 - Prayers of adoration and praise
 - Prayers of thanksgiving
 - Though could also be in the Response
 - Prayers of confession & absolution
 - The Lord's Prayer
 - Songs to reflect these themes.

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Worship Leaders' Course



A multimedia course



Wallpaper for February

February's Offer – Worship Leaders' Course

This course is one of most successful products and we have just had to order a second reprint of the handbook.

It was designed by Mike and Ann, who have a passion for seeing worship led well and they personally led the course in the Fens Circuit,

The course is primarily designed to prepare worship leaders for the task of planning and then leading worship. It can also be used as part of a programme of continued development for Worship Leaders and Preachers.

The course is designed around the premise that worship leading and preaching are two distinct callings and giftings and that preachers should preach and worship leaders should lead worship.

The course comes in the form of a Leader's Handbook and a CDrom of Resources. It would normally be £32.99 for both including postage, but during February we are offering them for £25 including postage.

You can order a copy from:

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/NewSite/offer.php

Residential Multimedia Course

Our residential courses are held at Willersley Castle in Derbyshire with time to relax and enjoy the swimming pool and other facilities. The course starts from the very basics of projection and moves on to using music and video with PowerPoint.

The next course is to be held on the 23rd-26th April 2012 and there are still some places available. Ministers should be able to get funding for the course from their CDIM allowance

<http://www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/NewSite/mmr.php>

Mike's Diary

Below is a list of Mike's commitments for the next couple of months. Please do pray for him. You can see all Mike's bookings on the web site at www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/NewSite/bookings.php

February 2012

25th Mike's parents' Diamond Wedding
26th Preaching at Redruth Methodist Church.

March 2012

13th – Leading worship at Florence Methodist Church

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