



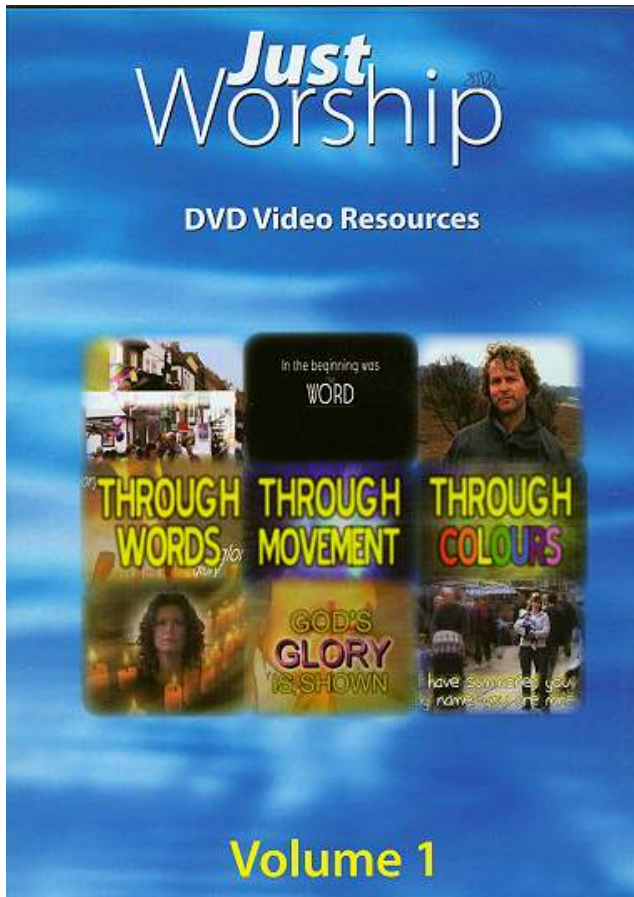
Family Friendly Churches

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The Newsletter of the Family Friendly Churches Trust

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The trust is now able to offer the **Just Worship** range of video materials produced by **Active Media**.

Churches that use data projection are constantly searching for attractive resources. These DVDs are packed with videos that are ideal for use in this way.

The main advantage of them is that although they can be played on a DVD player as normal the video files can also be copied from the DVD onto the hard disk of a PC. This means that the files can then easily be loaded into a PowerPoint presentation and used seamlessly in worship.

The trust believes that as much thought needs to go into purchasing resources for projection as into the original purchase of the projector.

There are now 5 DVDs in the series, with more planned for the future.

Just Worship 1 contains around 30 videos for general use in worship. There are also suggested orders of service making use of the resources offered. There are readings from Rob Lacey's street bible, prayers and reflections.

Just Worship 2 focuses on material suitable for Christmas and Easter uses readings from Ron Lacey's street bible and offers prayers and musical reflections. This also has Mary's Video Diary.

JW3 - Celtic Prayer is based on material from Lindisfarne and has 10 much longer videos. It draws from material about Lindisfarne and also from their worship life. There are also a few Celtic PowerPoint backgrounds. It also includes the music of this Northumbrian Community and of David Fitzgerald.

Lee Abbey Reflections has 13 video sequences combining the music of Simeon Wood and John Gerighty with stunning photographic images. It also has a number of video meditations.

Twelve Baskets - He Never Said has 12 video sequences based on three themes, "He never said", "Democracy" and "War". These were created by 'Twelve Baskets' a church group based in Pontefract. Included in the DVD is some help in creating the right atmosphere for these services.

These DVDs can be ordered through the trusts web site which also contains much more information about them. We always endeavour to get orders into the post within 24 hours of an order.

They will be available on the resource stall that Mike runs at all his days, weekends and courses.

Songs Kids Love



Mike handed over the prize for Songs Kids Love to Rebecca Pitt from Trinity Methodist Church, Basingstoke.

Mike was pleased to be able to go along and join the congregation for morning worship where Rebecca played sax and then led a dance to 'In Christ Alone'. The trust is delighted that the keyboard has been won by a youngster committed and active in the life of her church.

Mike was then very kindly invited to speak about his calling to the work of the trust.

Installing Projection?

The trust is aware that many churches are now considering installing data projection.

This is a big decision and there are many factors that need to be taken into consideration. Our courses are designed to help in this process, but currently involve us in coming to your church which may not always be appropriate or possible.

This is why we are running "Multimedia in Worship" course at Willersley Castle on the 19th to the 22nd of June 2006.

The course is £230.50, but we reckon the information we give you will save you at least that much and Ministers are able to claim much of the cost from their CDIM budget.

Chords

One of Mike's churches is training a worship band and one of the problems is that at this stage they need music written in chord form.

They would like to be able to offer hymns from 'Hymns & Psalms' alongside the 'Songs of Fellowship' that they use. Does anyone know where we might get a version of a traditional hymn book with the music written with the chords shown?

Mike's Diary

Ann's dad died just at the end of January. He had been ill for some time and when the end came it was very peaceful. Please do pray for us as a family.

Below is a list of Mike's commitments for the next couple of months. Please do pray for him.

February

4th - Family Friendly Day for the Lincoln and Grimsby District of the Methodist Church

10th - Mike is conducting the funeral of Ralph Goodwin, his father-in-law.

11th - Family Friendly Day for the Derby District of the Methodist Church

13th-17th - Jerusalem TV Holiday Club at Springdale Methodist Church, Wolverhampton

18th -19th - Family Friendly Weekend at Bentley Methodist Church, Doncaster

25th-26th - Family Friendly Weekend at Ripley Methodist Church

March

4th - PowerPoint Training for the York and Hull Methodist District

6th - Start of On Line Lent Course

11th - Family Friendly Day at Holmfirth Methodist Church

18th - Family Friendly Day at Wolstanton & Audley Methodist Circuit

25th-26th - Family Friendly Weekend at Crosby Methodist Circuit

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