



Family Friendly Churches

Committed to making churches places where all are welcome

The Newsletter of the Family Friendly Churches Trust

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Check out our website: www.FamilyFriendlyChurches.org.uk

Please feel free print and distribute this Newsletter.

This Summer's Holiday Clubs

Mike ran three Holiday Clubs this summer. They were a great success. One church has already rebooked for next year.



In SPIES your children become secret agents finding out what they can about the carpenter from Nazareth. They use multimedia equipment to do their research and report back to Agent K.

Couple this with songs, games, craft and puppets and a great time is had by all - as they find out about Jesus



In Jerusalem TV we set up and run a TV Newsroom covering the events of Holy Week. It has all the excitement of a real newsroom.



There are dates free for next year. Why not consider one over a Half Term? Or even one in the early evenings during term time? At least you can be sure the children won't be on holiday! There are more pictures on the web site. See www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/hclubs.htm

Your Local Situation

The trust has added an extra workshop to our Family Friendly Weekends.

In a very interactive session we invite small groups to examine their church life. We then look at how family friendly the church is against the criteria explored in other workshops.

Other models of worship are explored and then groups are invited to set what they think should be the church's aims and goals for the next 12 months.

The result is a series of ideas for the next Church meeting. Anyone who has booked a weekend should consider this workshop. See www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/ffweekend.htm

Halloween Flyer

Every wondered what to do when children come round "trick or treating"?

Ann, Mike's wife, has designed a flyer that you can download and then give to children that come round. It explains All Saints Day and then outlines the gospel. It can either be given with a treat or not. See

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/downloads.htm

Songs Kids Love

Is now open for nominations. This is our annual ballot to discover the hymns and Christian song that children and young people most like to sing.

It is open to all young people up to the age of sixteen and there is a Yamaha Keyboard as a prize for the person who nominates the winning song. Please forward this on to the children and young people in your church. See

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/SKLmain.htm

Buying a Projector

Anyone buying a data projector these days needs to understand the difference between LCD and DLP models. Our fact sheet has been updated to explain the difference and then explores the pros and cons of buying one or the other. See

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/Projection.htm

Mike's Diary

Below is a list of Mike's commitments for the next couple of months. Please do pray for him. You can now see all Mike's bookings on the web site.

October

8th Trends in Worship at Terrington St Clement Methodist Church

14th-15th Multimedia Weekend at Tewkesbury

20th-22nd Family Friendly Weekend at Stafford

28th-29th Multimedia Weekend at Darlington

November

4th Family Friendly Day for the Truro Diocese

11th PowerPoint Course in the West Midlands

17th-19th Family Friendly Weekend at Brierley Hill Methodist Church

25th-26th Family Friendly Weekend at Vale Royal Methodist Church, Tunbridge Wells

October's Offer



"He Never Said" is a DVD produced by Twelve Baskets designed for worship. It offers some excellent resources for Remembrance Sunday with a difference

For example one of Churchill's speeches and stunning video sequences to "War what is it good for?" and "Every breath you take".

As with all amp DVDs you can download the clips onto your hard disk, insert them into PowerPoint and even edit them!

For the month of October we are able to offer this CDrom for just £13.99 instead of the usual £19.99. For sample video clips see the web site:

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/JW5.htm



The Angel of the North, Gateshead.

You can download this picture from the web site as wallpaper for your PC

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