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The Newsletter of the Family Friendly Churches Trust

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Please feel free to print and distribute this Newsletter.

Exodus 20

Just released by amp is a new resource for young people by young people

Exodus 20 has been made by students at 10 schools in the North East, who were supported by professional film makers (Airship Films), who guided them through the script writing and filming.



The result is a gritty and relevant retelling of the Ten Commandments as seen through the eyes of children and young people. Tough topics are covered and dealt with in an unsensational manner.

The storylines have been professionally edited onto two DVDs. The first contains a feature length film merging the stories together, the second offers each of the 10 stories separately.

Included in the pack is a CDROM packed with teaching resources produced in the classroom by teachers and education advisers.

The resource is designed for use in schools, but is also ideal for a church youth group. The project is supported by the Methodist Church, The Church Army and the Bible Society. Available from our web site for £40.

Digital Hymnbook 3

We are very excited about our new addition to the Digital Hymnbook Range.

The third in the series will cover hymns and worship songs for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Season and will be in the same format as "At the Breaking of the Bread"

Mike is currently working alongside the artist, David Hollingsworth, who is producing the backgrounds for the PowerPoint slides.

So excited are we about this product that we cannot wait until the release date at the end of March for you see to our work, so we have placed the hymns for Lent onto the web site as taster. Take a look under Downloads.



Video your view of Worship

As part of the upcoming **Heart Of Worship** event (Mike is speaking there), the organisers want people to send in short video clips saying what they like or dislike about worship. The clips will be compiled into a presentation to be shown at the event, which takes place in Llandudno on 4-7 May. Some places are still available for the event.

Clips can be taken from any source, from expensive video cameras down to camera phones and should be no more than one minute in length, and people can send as many as they want. They should be sent to Keith Brews at keith@reelife.org.uk

New Prices

The trustees met in January and are very keen to bring Mike's salary up over time to that of a Methodist Minister's stipend and to make pension provision for him.

This means that the prices for days and weekends taken after 1st September 2007 will be increased. The new prices are:

A weekend:	£299
A Saturday or Sunday:	£199
Weekdays	£149
6 days (eg a holiday club)	£699

The trustees feel that these prices still represent extremely good value for money when compared to commercial rates.

Days and weekends that are already booked and confirmed will be charged at the existing rate and any bookings confirmed before the 1st of March will also be at the existing rate. This means that if you act quickly you can still book at the existing rates.

February's Offer



This month's offer is the Celtic Praise DVD. This was filmed on and around Lindisfarne. It has 10 longer video segments including visual material, discussion and prayer

All this material can help give an insight into Celtic Worship and artwork. There is also some stunning photography from that part of the world.

For the month of February we are offering this for £13.99 instead of the usual £19.99. Please see the web site for further details.

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.

February

- 3rd/4th Preachers Weekend at Dunblane
- 10th/11th Family Friendly Weekend at Staines and Feltham Circuit
- 17th Family Friendly Day at Oakwood, Enfield
- 24th Thinking about a Projector Day at Chasetown, Staffs.

(Places available - See web site for more details)

- 25th Family Friendly Day at Bowthorpe United Church, Norwich
- 26th-1st Residential Multimedia Course at Willersley Castle

March

- 3rd Thinking about a Projector Day at Ramsbottom, Lancs
- (Places available - See web site for more details)
- 9th Preachers' evening at Settle
- 10th/11th Multimedia Weekend at Skipton and Grassington Circuit
- 12th PowerPoint Training Course at Southbourne, Kent
- 17th Family Friendly Day at Louth for the Lincoln District
- 23rd-25th Family Friendly Weekend for the Shetland District
- 31st PowerPoint Course at Ipswich



The Welle Creek, which passes the front of Mike and Ann's Home
You can download this picture from the web site as wallpaper for your PC

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