



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 to print and distribute this Newsletter.

Puppets 'n' Parables

The trust is working with Hand to Mouth Puppets to offer this professionally made and delightful DVD to churches.

The DVD contains 10 really well told parables brought to life by expert puppeteers and has a very high quality of filming and presentation

It is written by Hand to Mouth Puppets who have been working in churches and schools since 1997. Each story is about 6 minutes in length and told twice, once in the biblical context and then in a modern situation that will allow children to apply the story.



The ten stories are:

The Lost Sheep and how Titch got lost at the zoo.

The Prodigal Son. Charlie and Uncle Sam sort it out

The Great Feast. Too many excuses

The House on the Rock. How did Mina win the sandcastle competition?

The Unforgiving Servant. A broken game-boy

The parable of the Talents. Charlie is encouraged to use his own abilities

The Midnight Visitor. The Last Bus

The Amazing Pearl. Can Jezza find something worthwhile to swap for the perfect card?

The Rich Farmer. Does Charlie's greedy sister eat all the sweets?

The Good Samaritan. Basher Bates is the local hero.

You can see a clip from each of these stories at: www.FamilyFriendlyChurches.org.uk and look under 'Resources'



The DVD can be used in schools as well as churches and covers Key Stages 1+2. It addresses both Target 1 'Learning about Religion' and Target 2 'Learning from Religion'

There are a number of extra resources, including a White Board Facility, Word Bank, Background Material, Class questions, Optional Subtitles and Signing for the hearing impaired.

Why not buy one for your church and a second one for your local school?

Children will love this DVD and may be encouraged to be involved in puppets themselves. The cost is £24.99 + £1 pp and it can be bought from our website.

Multimedia PowerPoint

On the 22nd September we are running a Multimedia PowerPoint day at Bordesley Green in Birmingham.

This is day for experienced PowerPoint users who wish to learn how to use music tracks, audio, MIDI and video with PowerPoint.

There is a deposit of just £20 for the day (no further charge) and you will be given a voucher for one of our Digital Hymnbooks. You can book a place though the web site.

Web Site in a Weekend

It is now acknowledged that a web site can be a really useful resource. However Churches wanting to create a web site are facing the daunting prospect of either doing it themselves or paying a large amount of money to have it done and maintained for them.

With our Web Site in a Weekend Course the trust offers a new way forward. Before the course we will register the name of your web site.

When we arrive we will train those interested to use creation software and then help them decide

the layout of the site and what information is needed.

Then the site can be assembled and placed onto the internet. **All this in just a weekend!** See the web site for more information.

This month's offer



This month we are offering a starter kit for those thinking about or just starting out on the road to using projection in worship.

The offer consists of Mike's booklet, "Buying and Installing a Data Projector", to help you in the process of deciding which system to buy. With this we are also adding The Digital Hymnbook 1 and Just Worship 1 to give you some basic resources to get you started

The cost of these separately would be £41.97 + £3pp making £44.97. During September we will be offering these three for £29 + £1 pp. See the web site for more 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.

September

- 8th Methodist Synod for the East Anglia District
- 9th Leading Café style worship at Manea Methodist Church
- 14-15th Family Friendly Weekend at Horncastle Methodist Church
- 22nd Multimedia PowerPoint at Bordesley Green, Birmingham
- 28th Methodist Synod for the Eastern District of the South East District

October

- 6th PowerPoint Training Day at Gorleston, Norfolk
- 7th Leading Café style worship at Manea Methodist Church
- 13th-14th Multimedia Weekend at Whitley Bay



Cromer Pier in Norfolk.

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

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