



Family Friendly Churches

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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.

Narnia News

Over the Summer Mike rolled out a new holiday club called Narnia News.

This works very much like "Jerusalem TV" and sets up a fully functioning TV studio in your church. Each day the children watch part of the Narnia story and then generate a news bulletin about the events they have seen.

Each child will get a chance to work in the studio at least once during the week either as a Newsreader, Producer or Technician. Others are journalists who edit a video of their story and then file their report. Yet more film interviews and then prepare them for broadcast.

All this happens with a real deadline and the excitement of a real news room. How do we know? Because the professional broadcasters who have come themselves to see what we are doing have told us. They are always amazed to see children doing their job.

Because this club uses secular material, there is a possibility of a church running the club getting a grant from the Local Authority. The church running "Narnia News" in the summer managed to cover all its costs by such a grant.

When doing so we have to be careful that in the part of the club that is sponsored, we obey the rules of the grant (and there are plenty of hoops to jump through), but such a holiday club could run in tandem with other more Christian activities in the same week.

Contact the trust for more details of the grants www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/narnia.htm.



Multimedia PowerPoint

On the 10th November we are running a Multimedia PowerPoint day at Burley in Wharfedale in West Yorkshire.

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

There is a fee of just £20 for the day and you can book a place though the web site.

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/mpdspec.htm

Messy Fiesta

Many of you will have heard of "Messy Church". Lucy Moore from Messy Church is running a series of events called **Messy Fiesta**.

The first is on November 10th at Portsmouth. The other (for the moment unconfirmed) **Messy Fiesta** dates are Birmingham March 29th 08; Newcastle May 10th 08, Chelmsford June 14th 08; Cowplain again 12th July 08. See

www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/product/BFQ071110Z.htm

Book of the Month

We are planning to recommend a book each month. This month's book is *Changing Church for a Changing World*.

Written by Peter Pillinger (a trustee) and Andrew Roberts this book is a study guide to 'Fresh Expressions of Church' which can be used by a study group or read independently. It is written very much from a Methodist perspective

For groups there are bible studies and challenging questions to think about.



The book has contributions by Martyn Atkins, Tom Stuckey and Martin Wellings. There is also a host of practical illustrations of what churches have done.

This is a valuable resource for any church that is wrestling with the ideas around Fresh Expressions of Church. Copies are available for just £4.95 + £1.50 postage and package. They can be ordered through our web site at:

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/CCfaCW.htm

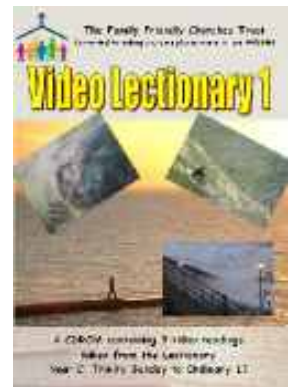
This month's offer



To help you prepare something a little bit different and special for Remembrance Sunday we have the "He Never Said" DVD as part of our offer for October.

This DVD offers a stack of resources that can be used on that Sunday - which let's face it is one of the most difficult Sundays of the year.

We are offering this DVD in conjunction with our own Video Lectionary CDROM. Many of you will have seen and probably used our range of lectionary videos available from the web site. This CDROM is an archive of the first 9 of these.



Separately they would cost £19.99 + £9.99 + £2pp making £31.98. Together we are offering the two for £20 including postage and packing.

www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/offer.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 see all Mike's bookings on the web site.

October

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

November

- 3rd Multimedia PowerPoint Course at Droitwich
- 4th Leading Anniversary Service at Chesterton, Cambridge
- 10th Multimedia PowerPoint Course at Burley in Wharfedale
- 11th Leading Remembrance Service at March.
- 17th/18th Family Friendly Weekend at Lincoln South Circuit
- 23rd-25th Multimedia Weekend at Dewsbury and Mirfield Circuit
- 26th-29th Multimedia Residential Course at Willersley Castle



Looking across St Ives Bay from Godrevy.

[You can download this picture from the web site as wallpaper for your PC.](#)

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