



# 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](http://www.FamilyFriendlyChurches.org.uk)

Please feel free to print and distribute this Newsletter.

## Multimedia Residential Courses

### Video Lectionary 2

Our residential courses at Willersley Castle are growing in popularity. The course for November is full and there are only a couple of places left for the one in February.

Over 4 days we provide multimedia training in a comfortable environment. We start by giving vital information about choosing and installing a data projector, through basic PowerPoint training to the really clever multimedia stuff making use of video and audio.

We limit the number of places so that everyone has time for some individual tuition and to explore their own ideas.

We will send you away feeling confident about buying and using data projection in your church.

Willersley Castle itself is an ideal venue. It is very comfortable, stands in acres of its own grounds and has its own indoor heated swimming pool.

These are the sorts of comments that we have received about the courses; "Thanks for a great course - very practical and inspiring", "I do feel more confident about trying more ambitious things for worship" and "Many thanks for a most useful and enjoyable training session."

We are currently planning further dates for the spring and autumn of 2008. Drop us an email to register an interest.

The cost for the 4 days (including full board accommodation) is £250. Ministers and Deacons should be able to use their CDIM budget to pay for the course. Check with your district.

[www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/residmm.htm](http://www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/residmm.htm)

Video Lectionary 2 contains video readings from the lectionary. These have appeared on the web site, but now are provided in a convenient CDROM format.



The 9 readings can be quickly and easily loaded onto your hard drive and then incorporated into your own presentations.

They are designed for use in worship and make use of the artwork of David Hollingsworth and photographs from Mike's own collection. These cost just £9.99. To see which readings are included and to order a copy see:

[www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/VL2.htm](http://www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/VL2.htm)

## We have a sister

Recently we have made contact with an organization called Kids Friendly in New Zealand.

One look and you will see that they are doing very similar work to us in the trust. They too have member churches, lead training courses and provide resources. Do take a look at what they do at:

[www.pcanz.org.nz/2258.0.html](http://www.pcanz.org.nz/2258.0.html)

# This month's offer

We are continuing November's offer of The 12 Baskets "He never said" DVD and the Video Lectionary CDROM for another 7 days to allow you the chance to order copies for November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 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.

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



Then from the 11<sup>th</sup> our minds will be turning to Christmas with a really brilliant offer for Advent and Christmas.

The Just Worship Christmas and Easter DVD has a number of excellent resources for use over the Christmas holidays including Mary's Video Diary and the Nativity Story read from The Street Bible.

Then there is The Digital Hymnbook 2. This gives the words in PowerPoint Format of over 170 hymns, carols and



worship songs for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. These all have background images of Christmas Crib scenes built in and can be easily and quickly imported into your own presentations. There are multiple versions of each hymn to allow for when the different books don't agree.

Separately they would cost (including postage) £38.48, but from November 11<sup>th</sup> until Christmas we will be offering the two for just £28 including postage.

[www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/offer.htm](http://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.

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Multimedia PowerPoint Course at Droitwich
- 4<sup>th</sup> Leading Anniversary Service at Chesterton, Cambridge
- 10<sup>th</sup> Multimedia PowerPoint Course at Burley in Wharfedale
- 11<sup>th</sup> Leading Remembrance Service at March.
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> Family Friendly Weekend at Lincoln South Circuit
- 20<sup>th</sup> Training Day for the Birmingham District Office
- 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Multimedia Weekend at Dewsbury and Mirfield Circuit
- 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Multimedia Residential Course at Willersley Castle

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Family Friendly Weekend for Dovercourt Methodist Church
- 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Web Site in a Weekend at Windsor Methodist Church



I just came across this field near Royston - fortunately I had my camera in the car.  
[You can download this picture from the web site as wallpaper for your PC.](#)