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The Newsletter of the Family Friendly Churches Trust January 2009
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Puppets 'n' Parables – Home Edition

Hand to Mouth Puppets have now released a Home Edition of Puppets 'n' Parables.

It has the same video stories based on the parables of Jesus, but does not have the additional teaching resources. This means that the price can be reduced to £14.99. It would make an excellent present. See www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/PP.htm

All Included

We have now been getting a lot of feedback as churches start to use "All Included"

We were very nervous about the inclusion of a Covenant Service as this is a very important part of the Methodist Year – and the words are very much treasured. However we have had some very positive responses:

"We had a wonderful service this morning largely down to my friend and colleague Beth and the family friendly liturgy. It was so moving and meaningful while being challenging and thought provoking."

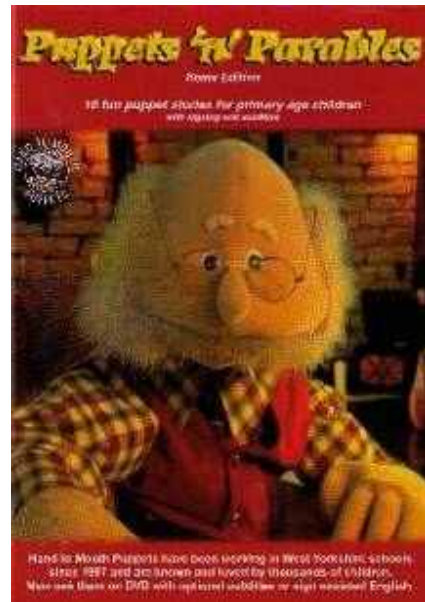
"We used booklets for the choir and clergy, and large-print and children's booklets were available as well. We added in the hymns we used and tailored the service a little to suit our congregation. The only comments about the service were good ones, and that is from my honest critics!"

"We used the All Included liturgy today in Holsworthy and it was very well received at a circuit service."

"I used the All Included Covenant Service yesterday and it was well received. One older lady said it was the best covenant service she had ever attended and a younger one confessed she'd come reluctantly because she usually found the service too wordy but found this one much better and equally meaningful."

The authors are delighted as the comments indicate that All Included is fulfilling its aim of keeping the majesty of the liturgy whilst simplifying the language.

You can find out more, download the Easter services and purchase a copy for £19.99 +pp from: www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/AI.htm



Projection Courses

The Trust is running some more of our popular Projection Courses around the country over the next couple of months.

We are running Multimedia Advanced Courses at Cricklade on January 10th and then at Linacre in Liverpool on March 21st. These are courses for those with a working knowledge of PowerPoint, but who wish to develop their skills with music and video. For more details see: www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/mpdspec.htm

There is also a Basic PowerPoint Course at Chislehurst on February 14th. This is aimed at those who have some experience of using PCs, but have not used PowerPoint before. For details see: www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/taapspec.htm

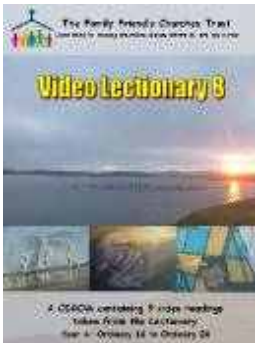
These courses are open to anyone who wishes to come and the day costs just £30. This is a bargain as in the secular world this kind of training can cost £100+ per head.

Video Lectionaries

January's Offer

The trust has just launched Video Lectionaries 8 and 9.

The launch of Video Lectionaries 8 and 9 complete Year A. To celebrate this we have an offer for the complete set of Year A CDroms.

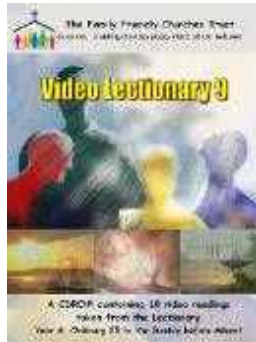


Video Lectionary 8 has 9 readings covering Year A from Ordinary 16 to Ordinary 24.

There are readings from Matthew, Genesis, Romans and Psalms with photographs from around the world and the artwork of David Hollingsworth.

Video Lectionary 9 has 10 readings covering Year A from Ordinary 25 until the Sunday before Advent.

There are readings from Matthew, Micah, Isaiah, Jonah and Psalms clearly read by Ann Bossingham. The use of images really does enhance the text.



These are effectively back numbers of readings that have appeared on the web site. They cost £9.99 each, plus £1 postage if buying online and they can be bought from: www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/VLs.htm



All together there are 60 readings taken from the lectionary. Although Year A will not come around again for a while it is surprising how many of the readings will be usable before that.

These would normally cost £64.94 including postage. During January they are just £48 including postage. This is a really good time to catch up. www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/offer.htm

Mike's Diary

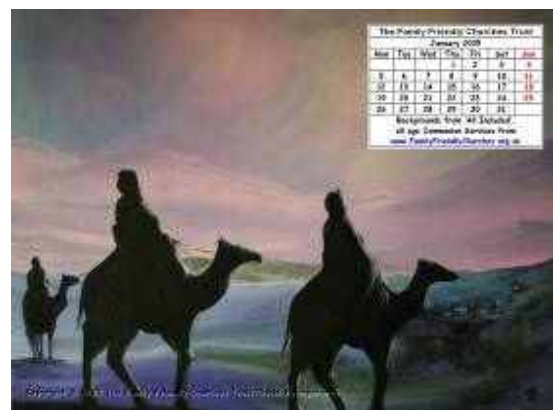
Below is a list of Mike's commitments for the next couple of months. Please do pray for him. You can see all Mike's bookings on the web site.

January

- 10th Advanced Multimedia Course at Cricklade.
- To book a place see www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/mpdspec.htm
- 13th-21st Trip to Israel – do pray for our safety – we are concerned about the situation.
- 24th-25th Family Friendly Weekend at Sheffield West Methodist Circuit
- 31st Local Preachers' Day at Chipping Norton and Stowe on the Wold Circuit

February

- 1st Anniversary Service – Manea Methodist Church
- 7th-8th Family Friendly Weekend – Ponteland Methodist Church
- 14th Basic PowerPoint Course at Chislehurst Methodist Church
- To book a place see www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/taapspec.htm
- 23rd-26th Residential Multimedia Course – Willersley Castle
- 28th PowerPoint Course at Erdington Methodist Church



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