



Family Friendly Churches Trust
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Showing Films

The installation of projection equipment makes it possible to show whole films or film clips in church. However when you do so you are entering a copyright nightmare.

Firstly there is material that can be used perfectly legally without any copyright issues. This would include the Just Worship DVDs, anything produced by the Family Friendly Churches Trust or downloaded from the Twelve Baskets web site. We all produce material designed for worship and encourage its use.

For just about everything else in order to remain within the law you will need the consent of the film-makers, even for a short clip though a concept in copyright law called "reasonable use" may give you a defence, it is probably not worth depending on this.

You can write to the producers asking for permission to use their material. My one experience of doing this was rewarded with a very courteous response giving me permission to do what I wanted.

However the easiest way forward is to purchase a licence to show films. Two organisations do these, CCLI and Film Bank and both charge an annual fee for the licence.

CCLI fees vary depending on the size of the church. For a church with a membership of 50 it is £58.72, up to 100 £118.43 and up to 250 £146.81. For Film Bank for any church up to 250 it is £86.25 (this is to be soon increased).

Neither organisation has coverage of all film producers, so you do need to check their list. The CCLI list is long and covers many Christian producers as well as the major studios. Film Bank also covers the major studios, but some of these are excluded for the "Worship Sector".

Both say that you may also need a PRS licence to cover any music on the sound track. In my view this would be required for showing films outside worship, but not for showing a clip as part of an act of worship as worship is expressly excluded from the PRS requirements.

However both organisations insist that the clip be played from the original DVD. This sadly rules out copying a film clip to your hard drive, trimming and editing it and then inserting it into PowerPoint.

Which rules out the most effective way of showing a film clip as part of an act of worship and is an issue that CCLI needs to address. I guess for now having the licence would at least show that you have tried to conform to the law.



If you want to show films as part of a film night then these licences will cover you, but you cannot charge for entrance (though you can receive donations) or advertise the film outside of the premises. If used outside of an act of worship the Film Bank exclusions probably do not apply.

If you want to advertise widely or charge for entrance then Film Bank can supply you with a DVD of a film with consent to show it in public. The licence for this (up to 250 people) is £86.25 or 35% of the box office takings – whichever is the larger.

One advantage of this scheme is that you can often show films just a few weeks after release and before they are released to the rental or retail market. This would be really good for churches that wanted to run film clubs in rural communities where there is no cinema.

www.ccli.co.uk/licences/churches_showing-films.cfm
www.filmbank.co.uk/
www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/dvds.htm
www.twelvebaskets.co.uk/

Residential Projection Courses

We have bookings for our Residential Course at Willersley on the 1st-4th of June this year, but there are still places available.

These courses give intensive training and many denominations give their staff training allowances that can be used on these courses.

You can find out more and book a place at: www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/residmm.htm

Projection Courses

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

There is a Projection Operators' Courses running in April. This will be at **Bordesley Green, Birmingham on the 25th**. There are only a handful of places left on this course so if you want to come do book quite quickly at: www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/Operspec.htm

There will be courses towards the end of May and we are arranging venues, but these are not yet confirmed. If you are interested keep an eye on the web site at: <http://www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/taap.htm>

These courses are open to anyone who wishes to come and the day costs just £30.

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.

April

- 4th Projection Operators Course at Market Deeping, Lincolnshire
You can book a place at www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/Operspec.htm
- 7th-12th Jerusalem TV Holiday Club at Cliffe Mission, Kent
- 14th-19th Attending ECG at Llandudno
- 20th Multimedia Day – Nottingham Trent Circuit
- 25th Projection Operators Course at Bordesley Green, Birmingham
You can book a place at www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/Operspec.htm
- 28th Leading a Workshop for District Evangelism Enablers in Northampton.

May

- 9th-10th Family Friendly Weekend, St Mark's Methodist Church, Maidenhead
- 12th Annual Trustees Meeting at Market Deeping
- 16th-17th Family Friendly Weekend, Winchester Circuit



You can download this picture and use it as wallpaper for your PC from www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/Photos/calender.htm

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April's Offer

During our courses we offer all four Digital Hymnbooks for just £50. This month we thought we would extend this offer to everyone



These 4 CDroms combined give you an amazing library of just over 1,000 hymns and worship songs in PowerPoint format.

They all have built in photographic backgrounds which enhance the meaning of the words rather than detract from them.

The files are compatible with PowerPoint, Impress, Easy Worship, Song-Pro and Zionworx. Multiple versions exist of the words so that they match many important hymn books, including Hymns and Psalms, Common Praise, Songs of Fellowship and Mission Praise.

These would normally cost £70.96 including postage, but during April the full set will be available for just £50 including postage.
www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/offer.htm