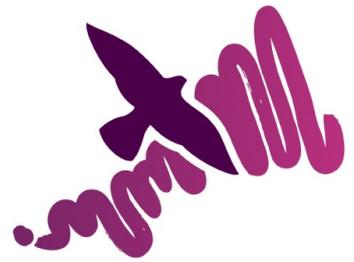


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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

Welcome to the Diocese of Truro Children's and Youth Newsletter.

As well as being published via the e-bulletin we are also emailing it direct to your in-box. If you would like to receive the newsletter as well as other relevant news directly please do let us know your email and we can add you to the list.

There is also a facebook page www.facebook.com/TruroDioceseYouth do take a look and 'like' the page.

During September, as summer fades and the nights draw in our thoughts turn to Harvest and Halloween (we'll leave the C word and Advent until next month!).

Harvest

For resources on Harvest check out **Going for Growth** which lists a large number of resources including some from various Christian mission charities

Halloween

On the next page we have details of a new resource from the people who brought you the Real Easter Egg and the Real Advent Calendar

Don't forget **Scripture Union Light Parties** and for more resources do look at **Going for Growth**

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Free Online conference:

How can we be an intergenerational church?

Tuesday 10th October, 10:00-4:00, Online@home

What does it mean to be intergenerational church community? How could it happen in my setting? What difference could it make to my congregation? Is it all-age worship repackaged? This event will help you to think intentionally about being a church of different generations. Reflecting on both theory and practice - see intergenerational ministry in action!

Find out more and register for this free event at www.methodist.org.uk/alltogethernow With contributions from Martyn Payne, Gareth Crispen and Eleanor Bird amongst many others.

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YOUTH & WORK CHILDREN'S WORK SOUTH WEST 2017

MENTAL HEALTH

A conference focusing on children's and young people's mental health and well being.

Saturday 28th October

10am–4pm

Rougemont Hotel, Exeter

£12 (Early Bird ticket £20 after 30th Sept)

For tickets and further details see

www.ycsw.org.uk

With the Mental Health of Children and Young People being high on the agenda this looks like a well-timed and informative conference.

PLEASE NOTE Price rise after the 30th Sept!



Godly Play is a multi-sensory way of engaging with Bible stories that helps people to develop as disciples through the process of openness, discovery and response.

3 day ACREDITED TRAINING

£295 Book at

www.godlyplay.uk/courses

Tues 24th-Thurs 26th July 2018

9:00-6:00 daily,

The Old Deanery, Exeter EX1 1HS



Just a reminder....

We have at Church House a number of large games—Giant Jenga, Connect 4 and draughts, a Badge machine, parachute, Boomwackers, a Soap making kit and Enamelling kit which are all available for loan from Church House (if you live in the East and it is arranged beforehand, they can be collected from Archdeacon's house at Bodmin). The equipment is ideal for church fetes, Messy Churches and holiday clubs. A small charge is made to replace components for some items.

To book them out please contact Nicole at Church House 01872 274351
Nicole.taylor@truro.anglican.org

The Meaningful Treat Box - A Real Halloween Treat

The Meaningful Treat Pack is a new resource designed to help with mission work on, and leading up to, the eve of All Saints (Halloween). It is suitable for Light Parties, outreach events, schools or for children who call to trick or treat on 31st October. Inside each pack there is a bag of Fairtrade chocolate buttons and a Challenge Activity Poster. The poster has eight challenges including a quiz, maze, word game, a call to buy Fairtrade, a prayer suggestion, a national competition with a prize, and a challenge to treat someone less well off by donating to a children's charity.



Produced by The Meaningful Chocolate Company, each box costs £30 (there are 30 packs per box - £1 per pack). Each box also includes an ideas sheet for leaders. There is free delivery if ordered by September 30th. Visit www.realhalloween.org David Marshall, from Meaningful Chocolate, explains; "Quite often people feel that there has to be more to Halloween than dressing kids up as serial killers or monsters. The Meaningful Treat box is a way for adults to challenge kids to look at the good in the world, to do a bit of good by giving to a charity and to enjoy some great Fairtrade chocolate. It's a chance for 5-11 year olds to shine this Halloween."

This is a new venture and fits with the Pumpkin Heroes materials being produced by **World Vision & Scripture Union**.



10-12 November—Birmingham

Tickets £99 for one person, £79 for two or more.

An opportunity for youth leaders, youth workers, church leaders and other practitioners to hear new ideas, receive inspiration, worship, pray, network and get creative. It's completely different to any event that's gone before, and it's jam-packed with content that will be relevant for anyone who loves God and cares about teenagers.

For further information visit the [Youthscape website](#)

Mission is... on the cards!

A new resource from Church Mission Society designed to get young people thinking about mission.

The aim of the game is to create sentences saying what mission is. You can then link to wider resources from CMS.

Go to the [website](#) where you can order a free pack— just like I did and I'm looking forward to playing with some teenagers soon...



Training available to every Church Community

For parishes exploring working with Children, Families and Young people we suggest you start with **The KEY** which is a brilliant foundation course.

The 3 sessions of **Key 1** are:

- Why work with children and young people
- Explore learning styles, programme planning and resources
- Basics in safeguarding and good practice

The 3 sessions of **Key 2** are:

- Understanding the world through the eyes of children and young people
- Explore discipleship and nurturing children and young people
- Become more confident and equipped when working in a variety of settings

If you want something on a more specific subject, we suggest you first look at the modules offered through

CORE Skills,

Child Development
Leadership Skills
Programme Planning
Children and community
Pastoral Awareness
Spirituality and the Bible

MORE Core and

Transitions
Special Needs
Challenging Behaviour
Global Dimensions
Children's Advocacy
Young Leaders

CORE Family Ministry

Biblical families
Family ministry today
Seasons of family life
Role of relationships
Family wholeness
Faith in Families

Other training offered includes:

An Introduction to Messy Church
An Introduction to Godly Play
Learning Styles
Reaching out to Families

Open the Book Initial training
Praying with Children
Multi-generational worship
Introduction to Who Let the Dad's Out?

Working with Under Fives
Prayer Spaces in Schools
Exploring Children and Communion

If there are needs in your community that are not addressed by the above, please contact us. We are happy to provide bespoke training or if appropriate direct you to other organisations who will be able to help. Minimum requirement of 6 people are needed to create a healthy dynamic for a training event. If there is just one or two interested, discuss partnering with ecumenical friends or other churches within the Deanery. Once you have 6 people, contact us to arrange a mutually agreed date, time and venue.

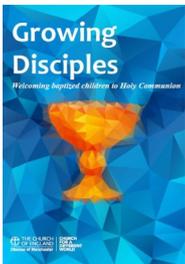
Reports and Resources

Child in the Midst

Child in the Midst is a regular national newsletter from the Church of England which highlights current news, articles, books, websites and resources about children and ministry with children. It comes out about every three weeks. To subscribe, [click here](#).

Children admitted to Communion before confirmation

The Diocese of Truro has long had a policy of admitting children to communion before confirmation. Parish application form and parish pack are available on the [website](#).



Research 'Growing Disciples' that Revd Steve Dixon did in 2015 on children and communion and a parish study pack to accompany it are available on the Diocese of Manchester [website](#).

Useful links:

Messy Church

Outreach to families who don't yet belong to a church—all ages

Who Let the Dads Out?

Aims to inspire, resource and support churches to reach out to fathers, father figures and their children

Godly Play UK

A way of telling Bible stories and reflecting on them—in church, in schools and with the older generation

Open the Book

A team approach to telling Bible stories in assembly time in school

Prayer Spaces in Schools

A range of flexible resources that can be adapted to work for pupils aged 5-18 bringing an experiential dimension to subject areas and to pastoral aspects of school life.

Rooted in the church

What helps root the faith of young people so that they stay connected with the church and with Christ?

Losing Heart

The results of a large survey of churches that shows the state of church youth work today.

We are family

How is the church working with families today? What does this ministry look like?

The Toddler Project

This link takes you to the Early Years page of the Going4Growth website but scroll down to the downloads box for the findings of a research project exploring the value of Church and faith based toddler groups—5 of the toddler groups visited were in Truro Diocese! Required reading if you are exploring setting up a toddler group.

Learn to Listen

Learn to Listen offers a wide variety of resources, ideas, suggestions and practical advice to help you take the first steps towards listening to the children and young people in your church community and beyond.

Going4Growth

The Church of England website dedicated to all things 'Children and Young People', loads of links, downloadable resources for everyday and seasonal, a veritable treasure trove!

Growing up Digital

You may have heard the news headlines featuring the report on Growing up Digital from the Office of the Children's Commissioner. A useful way of learning how important technology is to today's young people.

Working Families

This gives a précis of the latest report from Working Families, with a snapshot of family life today. At the end of the article there is a link to the full report.

The Mothers' Union

Resources for supporting families in faith

[Resources galore!](#)

A Pinterest board for all things 'Children, Families and Young People' kept up to date by Mary Hawes, National Children and Youth Advisor

