



## Back to School Bishop!

During May and June 2009 Bishop George will be visiting Church Schools across the Diocese to meet staff, talk to learners, and contribute to discussions. The schools range from rural schools in isolated villages to schools in urban situations, and demonstrate the quality work the church in the Diocese does in our schools.

## the big E

*aiming to equip, enthuse and energise children's workers across the Diocese*

### Biggest Big E Day Ever!

The annual Training Day will be bigger than ever in 2009, with an added 'specialist' 'Tiddlywinks' stream of Workshops for those who work with under 5's, parents and toddler groups, and crèches. This is in addition to the usual range of high-quality input on a huge range of subjects, and the opportunity to celebrate children through worship and commissioning. More details and booking information will be out in the Spring of 2009.

*Please note – booking is essential for all training events. In the rare case of cancellation those who have booked will be informed.*

### Fun without Walls!

Year of the Child 2009 – Let children have fun! Bishop George and his wife Jane have invited us back to have more fun in the manor garden for the final time before their retirement. This is a party

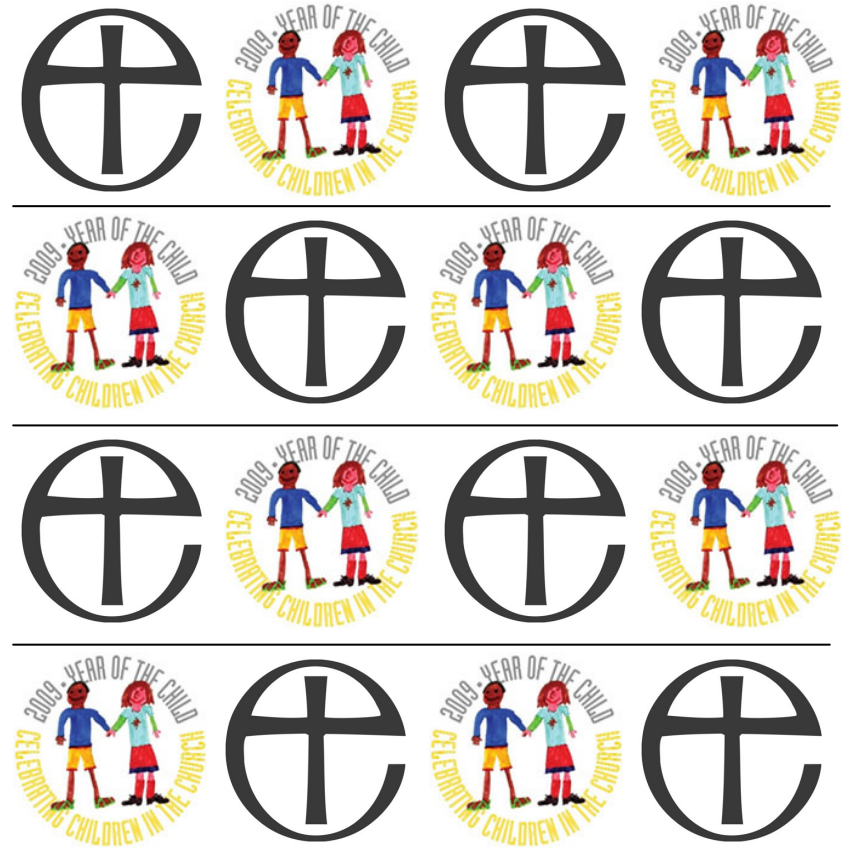


event for children from any church in the Diocese, and will include singing, games, bouncy castle, races....and food. As it is Father's Day dads are welcome to come and have fun too!!

**Fun without Walls proved very popular last year, and places will be limited so book early. Booking information will be out before Easter – don't miss it!**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009, 3-5.15pm. Bishop's Manor Garden, Southwell

More information is available from Nick Harding, Children's Ministry  
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# Year of The Child 2009



 THE CHURCH  
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Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

## Year of the Child 2009

### Making Children and Young People Count

2009 marks the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' international Year of the Child. This is an ideal opportunity for the Church to adopt 2009 as a celebration of children and childhood by:



- reviewing our work with children and young people.
- celebrating their contribution in the life of the Church and of wider society.
- challenging the Church to fresh vision and expression, inspired by the spirit of the child.

It is an opportunity to make 2009 a year in which the issues, injustices and challenges facing young people today can be highlighted. It gives chance for work with children and young people to be celebrated. It is an ideal chance to facilitate new initiatives with and for young people. It has so many strategic possibilities not just for celebrating at an event, but also lasting change and growth.

In the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham we have a number of events and plans to help churches take children and young people seriously, and equip them to review their ministry to the young in our churches and beyond.

### Deanery Tour



Throughout 2009 some of the Diocesan Education Team, including Howard Worsley (Director of Education), Angela Heywood (Youth Ministry Adviser), Nick Harding (Children's Ministry Adviser), and a Higher Education Chaplain will be visiting Deaneries. During these presentations we will draw together an overview of current ministry in churches, schools and other educational institutions, and help each deanery reflect on how it can be better resourced and encouraged in continuing to develop such ministry.

### Children's Ministry Training 2009



Great opportunities for you to enhance your skills, and share your faith with the young. The extensive programme of training continues in 2009....here are some of the highlights:

#### Mothers and Fathers – Mission on their days!

Wednesday 28th January 2009 7.30 – 9.30 pm

St John's Church Centre, Mansfield.

*A look at ways to make Mothering Sunday and Father's Day really special, full of fun, and full of God!*

Booking essential : Contact Catriona Gundlach 01636 817232

[catriona@southwell.anglican.org](mailto:catriona@southwell.anglican.org)



#### An Introduction to Godly Play

Tuesday 17th March 2009 7.30 – 9.30 pm

St John's Church Centre, Mansfield

*Godly Play is a creative way to tell spiritual stories to children.*

*Come along to have a go and learn more.*

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#### Coping with Challenging Behaviour

Monday 18th May 2009 7.30 – 9.30 pm

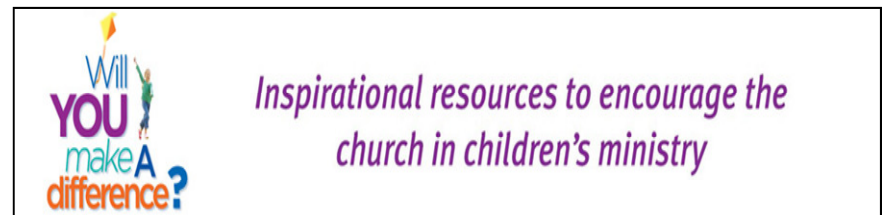
Carlton in Lindrick Church Centre, nr Worksop

*How to deal positively with children who push the boundaries!*

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**Child Protection and Safeguarding** courses continue throughout the year at venues across the Diocese. More information from Family Care: 0115 960 3010



### Will you make a difference?

To mark the 30th anniversary of the UN Year of the Child in 2009, a DVD of resources to celebrate and inspire the work done with children in churches has been produced in a unique collaborative venture headed by [Children Matter!](#) and the [Consultative Group on Ministry among Children](#) (CGMC).

The excellent DVD includes an introduction by the Rt Rev Paul Butler, Bishop of Southampton, a fun cartoon that challenges us about our attitude to children, voices of children and young people talking about their world and how the church may be losing them, a visual meditation on the words of Jesus, and a resource looking at ten steps for reaching every child for Jesus.

This DVD will be distributed to **every church** in the Diocese in January 2009, and churches will be encouraged to use it and learn from it. It should be used at leadership meetings, home groups and cell groups and PCC meetings, and will be referenced during the Deanery tour events.