

the big E newsletter

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

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Nick writes

Welcome to this edition of the Big E Newsletter – we hope you enjoy reading it and find it helpful. As the summer approaches it is good to know that many churches are already thinking about Holiday Clubs and special activity days, and are taking the opportunity to have fun, serve community, and share the Good News of Jesus with children and young people. Please let me know what you are planning for this year's Summer activities – I'd love to pop along if I can. As always, thank you for the work you do with and for children – it is appreciated.

Ringing the Changes for 2016!

Have you checked out the Big E day page on Facebook? The Big E Day continues to be the largest children and youth ministry training event in the region, and we are already planning for **8th October** – put it in your diary now! The day begins at 9.30am and finishes at 2.45pm, with worship together, a marketplace of agencies and resources, and three workshops to choose from a list of 25! You'll note that the day has been freshened up a bit with an earlier finish, and it is not taking place at half term! Please pass on the details to others involved in children's and youth ministry from your own church and other local churches.

Key Dates 2016



The Challenge of Tweenage

Thursday 21st April 2016
7.30 - 9.15pm
St Mark's Woodthorpe
NG5 4PH

Messy Cathedral

Saturday 4 June 2016,
Southwell Minster

Explore Together training

Tuesday 27 Sept 2016
Morning session at Mansfield
(Big Barn Lane Methodist Church), and Evening session at Wilford Hill (St Paul's Church), Nottingham

Big E Day 2016.

Saturday 8 October
The Minster School,
Southwell
NG25 0LG

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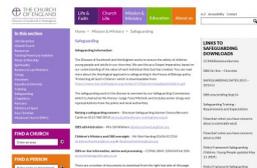
'Listen, Hear' Events



Last October we held a 'Listen Hear' event for children and young people to contribute their thoughts and opinions about life and the church through games, activities and discussion. We are now holding 'Listen Hear' events around the diocese in deaneries for different age groups. Look out for local information, and do try to get your children and young people involved.

Diocese Website

Children's Ministry and Safeguarding



We are continuing to work hard to make the content on the website more useful and up-to-date. Nick is responsible for both the Safeguarding and Children's Ministry sections of the site. As we develop it over the next few months please have a look, and if there are things you'd find helpful to see on the website please let us know.

What are You Up To?



Nick often gets asked by the national church, Bishops, Archdeacons, and others about interesting and imaginative things that are happening with children and families around the diocese. The problem is, if you don't tell him what you're doing he doesn't know! Please send Nick an e-mail if you've got something good happening, are trying out new ideas, or want to share good practice.

Training Events (Autumn)

As well as the Big E Day, Nick provides training on a range of aspects of children's ministry on evenings throughout the year. If you have a particular needs in your team or church, or can think of a topic that would interest you, please suggest it to us. If there's any specific training or other work that you need doing with your church team, Nick will be able to help with that too.

Resources Library—ready for you!

The Resource Library in Jubilee House stores a huge range of resources in archive shelving racks, which means that you can only browse one or two sections at a time before moving the racks to access other materials. The Resources Library is open during the normal office hours, weekdays 9am-5pm. I continue to be grateful to Sue Barrett, who continues to look after the resources, and is usually in on Wednesday mornings. Please spread the word around your church. The resources include children and youth ministry, prayer, worship, Biblical studies, schools resources, and lots more. On **Tuesday 19th April from 6-8.30pm** the room will be open for an evening and you can browse the range of Holiday Club and Activity resources. There's no need to book – just pop along.

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Messy Cathedral

Southwell Minster– Saturday June 4th 2016

On Saturday June 4th we are holding the second Messy Cathedral event in Southwell Minster from 10-1.30ish. The event will include all the normal Messy Church ingredients and more, including craft activities, worship and stories, prayer activities, Footprints Theatre Company providing activities for children, and some training for adults on worship and spirituality with children. make sure the families in your church are aware of it, and look out for the publicity flyer.



Pop UK



Pop UK works with schools, teaching great new songs and talking through moral and Christian issues as part of the process.

Over the past year **PopUK** (formerly Pop Connection) has delivered projects throughout the UK. They have helped schools teach **SMSC** (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural learning) in a vibrant, exciting way. They've also helped schools with **Year 6 Transition** bringing together Year 6 pupils from several schools and then performing a concert at the local High School. We have also created an exciting opportunity for **Cluster schools** to work together and cultivate strong working relationships. More info is available found at: andysilver@popuk.org

Going for Growth

The Going for Growth website has a growing collection of really good ideas and resources to help you and youth workers in your ministry. This is part of the work of the National Children and Youth Officer, Mary Hawes. Mary works with a development group that reports to the National Society Council and Board of Education, and meets termly. It is chaired by Bishop Paul Butler. Mary also works closely with the Children's Advisers Executive. Nick is on both of those national bodies.

<http://www.going4growth.org.uk/index.php/home/has>

Tweenagers!

The Challenge of Tweenage

Thursday 21st April 2016, 7.30-9.15pm
St Marks, Woodthorpe



The church loses children when they reach the 9-13 age range, often known as 'the tweenage years'. Research suggests that we can help young people through those difficult years by understanding them, and meeting their needs. Come along to find out more.

Leaders: Dave Keetley and Nick Harding
Free, drinks provided

Bookings: ahome@southwell.anglican.org
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Training and Events

Resources Library Open Evening

Tuesday 19 April 2016

6pm—8.30pm

Jubilee House, Southwell

NG25 0JH

Light refreshments provided

The Challenge of Tweenage

Thursday 21st April 2016

7.30 - 9.15pm

St Mark's Woodthorpe

NG5 4PH

Prayer and Spiritual Growth for Children and Families ...as part of Messy Cathedral

Saturday 4th June 10—2pm

Southwell Minster NG25 0HD

Free lunch provided



MESSY CATHEDRAL
CELEBRATING MESSY CHURCH IN
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Growing and Building

Bring your Messy Church group, friends and family
Southwell Minster
Saturday 4th June
10am-1.30pm (lunch provided - 1pm)

This event includes a 1 hour session of ideas and inspiration on prayer & spirituality in the home for parents/adults
While children watch a performance by Footprints Theatre

Hosted by
Cathedral Education Department and Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Education
Contact Diana or Matt 01636 817993 for more details

Southwell Minster
The Cathedral and Parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Time Travelling Parishes

Southwell Minster Education team are keen to support parishes in delivering Time Travelling pilgrimages for schools at parish churches. We really enjoy getting out into parishes and helping to plan and run events with the local church community. We also have a good range of resources and bank of activity ideas which parishes are able to borrow for their events including child - size vestments, a range of crosses, patens and chalices and resources for prayer activities. We would like to gather an idea of how many parishes are doing a Time Travelling event on a regular basis. We would be grateful if you could let us know your parish church, the number of children involved and when in the year your event takes place. If your parish is interested in holding a Time Travelling event then please do contact Diana or Matt to talk through your ideas.

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Safeguarding Training

SAFEGUARDING STANDARD TRAINING

(one evening) 7.30-9.15

Bookings through Family Care

0115 960 3010

jane.weir@familycare-nottingham.org.uk



Tues 26 April	All Saints Church, Harworth, DN11 8LH
Tues 3 May	St Mary's Arnold (Family Centre), NG5 8HG EXTRA DATE ADDED
Mon 16 May	St Peter's Church, Mansfield, NG18 1AP FULLY BOOKED
Tues 14 June	Christ Church, Newark, NG24 4AJ
Tues 21 June	St Cyprian, Sneinton, Nottingham NG3 7AH EXTRA DATE ADDED