

Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

Supporting Ministry to Children & Young People Charity number 1169443

Dear Friends,

Hoping you had a lovely Easter. We were glad to support you with resources from the Hub and particularly enjoyed facilitating our wonderful schools project "What's the Story?". We sold over 1000 storychains and it's great to think that so many children have visited their local church to hear the amazing story of Easter. There's a lot going on this term too - please read on for further details and take a look at page 2 for inspiration on exploring Pentecost.



New Network

For those of you involved or interested in Godly Play, there is a new Bradford and Leeds Network Group. We aim to support each other and learn together. The first meeting will be on Monday 20th of May at 7.15pm at The Chestnuts. **All Welcome** - please let Mandy know if you are going to come.

Conference

The Godly Play UK conference is taking place on Saturday 11th of May at Sheffield Cathedral. You can book via the Godly Play UK website www.godlyplay.uk

Training Grants for Godly Play UK Courses

If you are interested in Godly Play and would like to access some training, please consider enrolling on one of Godly Play's accredited courses. The courses are amazing and happen at various times and places across the UK. If you are from one of our member churches you can now get a grant from us to help pay the cost.

Please contact Mandy for more details.



Thanks to those of you who have given us feedback to refresh some of our 'Open The Book' resources. Over the last month, we are glad to have made the following improvements:

'The Secret Baby' - Added a headband and pendant
'The Kind Stranger' - Made a new bandage
'Bread, Meat and Stinky Feet' - Put a bigger towel in
'Jesus' Special Friends'- Added a cloth for the sea

Please keep letting us know any ideas for improving things together.

Birthday Celebrations

We will be marking the 20th anniversary of OTB by welcoming Bob Hartman for some visits. Bob will be spending some time in local schools and there will be an evening celebration on the 25th of September!

Further details to follow but please keep the date free.



Faith In The Home

Join us for an evening of discovery and reflection as we introduce some new resources encouraging parents to inspire a life of faith in their children.

We will look at a range of initiatives from Care for the Family, Bible Reading Fellowship, Alpha and others. There will also be time to share your experiences of supporting parents and families in your church.

Date: **Monday 17th June 7.30pm – 9.30pm**
Venue: The Chestnuts, Burras Lane, LS21 3HS

RSVP by Monday 3rd June to mandy@ocrh.org.uk

Have you heard about THRIVE?

This is a regular network meeting hosted by the children and families team at the Diocese. 'Thrive' events run in each episcopal area and are open to anyone working with children and young people.

The next **Leeds** event is on **Tuesday 14th May 7-9pm**
St Mary's Church Hall, Whitkirk LS15 0AA

You can book on at <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/thrive/>

House keeping

A reminder of our opening hours:

The Hub is usually staffed from 9.30 till 4 on a Tuesday and 9.30 till 2 on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Please feel free to drop in any time on a Tuesday morning ,at other times please ring / email first to check we are available.

(Please note: if we are working alone in the building the door will be locked so please ring the bell and knock to let us know you are here!)

Spring Bank

The Hub will be closed for a week from Monday 27th to Friday 31st May reopening on Tuesday the 4th of June at 9.30am.

Returning and Collecting Props

If you return or borrow something outside office hours please remember to fill in the booking Diary.

Thank you

INVITATION for New Trustees

We are currently looking for some new trustees to help us in our mission to be a source of encouragement, inspiration and creativity to churches in their ministry to children and young people.

We are seeking people who have a passion for work with children and young people and have the skills to help us grow.

We look forward to welcoming all expressions of interest to join our supportive team.

Please contact: Rev. Peter Willox
(Chair of trustees)

peterwillox@yahoo.co.uk

Resources for Pentecost

We have lots of beautiful story sets to help you explore Pentecost and the adventures of the Early Church.



Story Basket "Jesus is with us All the Time"
From "Praise and Play" by Alison Harris
(Under 5s)



The Story of Pentecost
(Suitable for 6-11s)



Godly Play Stories

"Knowing Jesus in a New Way", "The Mystery of Pentecost" and "Paul's Discovery"

Remember that we also have a great stock of books with ideas for services, toddler groups and Sunday School and a great selection of interactive Prayer resources.
Come and See!

Round up of Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th May : Thrive (7pm Leeds)

27th to 31st May : Hub Closed

Saturday 11th May: Godly Play UK conference (Sheffield)

Monday 17th June: Supporting Parents Event
(7.30pm The Chestnuts)

Monday 20th May : Godly Play Network Meeting
(7.15pm The Chestnuts)

Wednesday September 25th: Open the Book 20th
Birthday with Bob Hartman (Otley Parish Church)