

Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

Supporting Ministry to Children & Young People : Charity number 1169443

March and April 2019

Dear friends,

It has been lovely to see so many of you over the past couple of months and we have also enjoyed welcoming a number of new faces to the Hub. In February we hosted vicars from the Armley Chapter for a lunch, it was a great opportunity to tell the story of Otley Christian Resources Hub and to share God's glory through the wonderful range of resources we have available. Mandy demonstrated how a Godly Play session works and Janet talked about Open The Book, giving thanks for the community of churches who supported its development and continue to inspire children through regular storytelling sessions in schools. We also had a visit from Anne Cayton who brought members of the Benefice of Lower Swale to look at our resources room and later that week the outreach leader from the Thornbury Centre in Bradford dropped in for a tour and to borrow some resources. Its great to be able to share our project with other churches in the Diocese and we hope it leads to new opportunities to work together.

The next two months are set to be just as busy, you'll see below that we are holding our AGM in March this year and we are also busy getting ready for lent and Easter. We hope you find the events, information and resources below helpful as you make your own preparations, please get in touch if we can help in any way.

Best wishes,

Mandy and Katie

What's The Story about Easter?



Story chains are now available to order and there is still some availability to book the whole project, so please get in touch if you would like to offer WTS? this Easter.

Training

Training for WTS about Easter is on March the 5th at 1.30pm in the Chestnuts. Please **BOOK-** mandy@ocrh.org.uk

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 19th March at 3.45pm
in The Chestnuts

In previous years our AGM has been held in September with a report on the work mirroring the academic year. However, our financial year runs January to December so moving the AGM to March will mean that the report on the work and the reports on finance will be in sync.

All Welcome

Open the Book

Katie has been busy familiarising herself with all things OTB and is checking each story as it comes back in. If you have any concerns or find there is anything missing please do leave her a note in the box or by the diary.

You may also remember from our last meeting that we were hoping to leave boxes out ready for teams to collect, but some weeks there are so many boxes that this puts too much pressure on space! If you are doing a Values story, this will be got ready for you but for years 1 and 2 please continue to use the lists on the doors as a guide to what you need to take for each story. If you are unsure about finding a story or think you might need help, please email Katie to let her know when you will be collecting and she will happily get it ready for you.

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Godly Play

Don't forget about our Godly Play taster session on Monday the 18th March at 7.30pm.



Please Book: mandy@ocrh.org.uk

Safety and Security at The Chestnuts

We want everyone to feel welcome at the Chestnuts. From time to time people are working in the building alone and we have been advised that on these occasions it is good practice to lock the front door. If you arrive here for an appointment and find the door locked, please ring the bell to let us know you are here. (If you are a keyholder please do continue to use your keys if the front door is locked).

Thank you.

Resources for Lent and Easter

Lent begins on March the 5th. Here are some of the beautiful resources you can book to help you journey through lent and celebrate Easter!

