

# Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

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Dear Friends,

We hope you have had a wonderful Summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for action as the new term begins! Over the Summer Katie has been working hard to ensure all the Open The Book props are in good working order and has also started the task of updating our story folders. Please check page 2 for further details on this.

We have lots to look forward to over this next term, not least our week with Bob Hartman and we hope to see many of you at the event on Wednesday evening. Please check the details below and do let us know if you are going to come. We will also be launching our newly produced "What's the Story?" resource at the evening with Bob so please come along and support us.

Later in the term we will be hosting the local Godly Play network group and we are working hard to finish the resources which accompany the stories in vol 6 and vol 8. We hope to have these finished by the end of the Autumn term.

We will also be picking up conversations about faith at home with those of you who attended our resource evening back in May. We are really keen to grow this area of our work so do get in touch if we can help you as churches, to support the parents in your congregations.

Next week our opening hours return to normal and we look forward to seeing you all soon,  
the kettle is always on!  
Best wishes

Mandy and Katie

**Open the Book is 20 years Old** and we are delighted to be hosting Bob Hartman for a week of events in September. Bob will be visiting some of our 'Open the Book' schools and joining us for an evening of celebration on Wednesday the 25th of September. We would love as many people as possible to celebrate with us so please book the date in your diary, invite some friends and come along to what will be a very entertaining evening.

## Help Needed

As part of the celebrations we will be offering refreshments and are asking for donations of cakes.

If you are able to bake something for this event please contact [katie@ocrh.org.uk](mailto:katie@ocrh.org.uk)



**An Audience with Bob Hartman**  
**Storyteller and Author of the bestselling**  
**Lion Storyteller Bible**  
**In celebration of 20 Years of 'Open the Book'**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Otley Parish Church, Kirkgate, Otley, LS21 3HW



RSVP to [mandy@ocrh.org.uk](mailto:mandy@ocrh.org.uk)  
or on 01943 465927

**Refreshments and Bookstall**



## Open the Book News

To mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Katie has started to update the 'Open the Book' folders. The main changes include a refreshed introduction and the props list has been brought closer to the front of the file in the hope of making checks quicker and easier. From the beginning of term, the year 1 Old Testament stories are ready to go. We are aiming to have changes done for the rest of year 1 in time for when they're each being used in schools. Some storytellers have already given positive feedback about the new format, do get in touch if you have further ideas.

Other repairs and alterations made to our props over the summer include:

In The Beginning – the black cloth has been stitched where it was coming loose

A Special Promise – the boat has been repainted and handles secured

The Secret Baby – the loose reeds have been sewn in and the props are now in two boxes to distribute the weight of the stands

A Jar and a Jug – the props are now in two boxes to help distribute the weight

Various values stories – more name labels sewn in

Some boxes and files have fresh labels and ties, and those that were loose have been secured.

Please let us know anything we've missed and we'll aim to fix it as soon as possible. You can contact Katie on [katie@ocrh.org.uk](mailto:katie@ocrh.org.uk), leave a note for her in the resource room or drop into the Hub.

(Please remember that Katie only works Tuesdays).

### Godly Play

The next Godly Play Network meeting will be on Wednesday 9th of October at 7.15pm in the Hub.

This is a get together for anyone involved or interested in Godly Play. You don't need to be a member of the Hub to come along but please let Mandy know if you are coming.

Don't forget, Hub members can now apply for funding to help with the cost of attending a three day training course with Godly Play UK. **OCRH can fund up to 50% of the cost.** The courses are excellent and will help you develop your skills and confidence. The following courses are coming up in the Autumn:

**Ampleforth Abbey (N Yorkshire) 22-24th October**  
**Cliffe College (Derbyshire) 5th to 7th November**

Full details and availability information can be found at [www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk)

Please contact Mandy if you would like to apply for funding towards a Godly Play UK course.  
([mandy@ocrh.org.uk](mailto:mandy@ocrh.org.uk))

### What's the Story?



Over the last few months Mandy has been working with Judith Wigley and Anne Cayton to update our amazing "What's the Story?" project. It is currently being produced in a new format that brings all the elements together and can be shared with other churches and organisations.

We are hopeful that this will be the start of further growth for this project and will be launching the new version at the evening with Bob in September. Please do pray for this project.

Just a reminder about our opening hours .

Tuesdays 9.30 till 3.30  
Wednesdays 9.30 till 2  
Thursdays 9.30 till 2

**Feel free to drop in anytime on a Tuesday morning, at other times please ring or email first as we are sometimes in meetings or out and about on those days.**