

Inspiration for youth and children's work

A NEW training programme can inspire your parish's work with children and youngsters in the next 12 months.

Youth and children's work adviser Ben Mizen has organised a series of training days to examine both the theology behind such work and the practicalities of doing it. National speakers such as Margaret Withers and Kathryn Copsey have been lined up alongside authors such as Tim Sledge and Tim Sudworth in the youth and children's ministry training programme for 2006-07.

"After being in my post for a year, I've realised that there is a lot of good work going on in the diocese, but perhaps it's time to try to take it to another level," said Ben. "These speakers are at the cutting edge of youth and children's work in this country, so there will be real quality in what they say."

The programme aims to provide one training day in children's work and one in youth work each term. The children's sessions will focus on the under-11s, while the youth sessions will look at work with 11-20 year olds. Voluntary and paid youth and children's workers, clergy, Readers and others who are interested are all welcome.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING 2006-07	
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<p>14 Oct 06: INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH WORK AND MINISTRY Phil Greig: 'Working with the Little Britain generation' Tim Sudworth: 'Making it real and relevant - youth congregations' Ben Mizen: 'Fresh ideas and new directions - programme planning and resources'</p>	<p>8 Nov 06: INTRODUCTION TO CHILDREN'S WORK AND MINISTRY Mary Hawes: 'Radical Christianity is three feet high' Mary Hawes and Ben Mizen: 'Oh no, we've run out of glue - programme planning and resources' The Roots team: 'Help, it's all-age worship!'</p>
<p>3 Feb 07: YOUNG PEOPLE AND MISSION The Ven Peter Hancock: 'Young people and the mission of God' Pete Maidment: 'Why theology is important - starting youth mission and ministry properly' Richard Passmore: 'Working with young people on the edge'</p>	<p>10 Mar 07: EVANGELISM AMONG CHILDREN Margaret Withers: 'How do I get children into my church?' Lucy Moore: 'Getting messy - Messy Church!' Margaret Withers: 'The twilight zone - developing an after-school club'</p>
<p>12 May 07: SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE Tim Sledge: 'Spiritual development in young people' Ali Campbell: 'Growing up and getting on' Tim Sledge: 'Using Youth Emmaus'</p>	<p>9 June 07: NURTURING CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY Kathryn Copsey: 'Spiritual development in children' Ben Mizen: 'A child in the midst - learning from children in church' Kathryn Copsey: 'Dear God... - practical ways to help children pray'</p>

The sessions kick off in October, when Phil Greig, from the Rochester diocese, helps participants to understand the Little Britain generation. Tim Sudworth, author of *Mission-shaped Church - Youth* (pictured below) will also talk about youth congregations.

The children's programme starts in November, with the national children's adviser Mary Hawes and the team from Roots, a magazine and online ecumenical resource providing worship and teaching material for those doing children's work.

Among the other speakers throughout the year are Pete Maidment, events organiser for the Winchester diocese's youth department; Richard Passmore, who lectures at the Centre for Youth Ministry; Tim

Sledge, who wrote *Youth Emmaus*; the Ven Peter Hancock, who is the chairman of CPAS as well as our archdeacon; and Ali Campbell, youth and children's

adviser for the Chichester diocese.

On the children's side, Margaret Withers, former archbishop's adviser for evangelism among children; Lucy Moore,

who runs Messy Church at St Wilfrid's, Cowplain; and Kathryn Copsey, author of *From the Ground Up* and project leader for CURBS - Children in Urban Situations - will run sessions.

One of the speakers, Tim Sudworth, met youth workers, clergy and others in training sessions on the mainland and on the Isle of Wight last month.

He shared some statistics about young people today, outlined the challenges facing the Church, and spoke about some of the good work already going on.

The 2006-07 series of sessions all take place in the Rotunda in Portsmouth Grammar School from 9.30am. Each costs £6.50, but you can book three sessions for £15. Contact Kay Lancaster on 023-9282 2053 or education.kay@portsmouth.anglican.org to book places.

Church updated for new era

IT was a project that aimed to modernise the inside of the church for the 21st century.

Worshippers at St Mary's Church in Hook-with-Warsash have given thanks for the completion of their 'Imagine' project, which transformed its interior. It involved levelling and replacing its wooden floor, completing the font, restoring some pews and replacing others with chairs, creating a new Communion table, enhancing a children's area and providing a new portable platform at the front of the church.

The thinking was that it would encourage growth in congregation numbers and make the building more suitable for community activities. The £40,000 project was planned over three years.

As work was carried out during the spring, the congregation discovered how timely it was - some of the brick pillars and joists supporting the floor had collapsed or rotted away. In some places, only the brittle Victorian nails were holding the floor together.

St Mary's services moved to the church hall while work took place. The new floor was finished on Maundy Thursday,



Chairs are set out for the first Communion on the new floor

meaning some services over the Easter weekend were held in the empty church.

"The final nail was shot into the floor board at 4.30pm on Maundy Thursday," said the vicar, the Rev Andrew Norris. "The floodlit Gethsemane window and candlelight made the empty church, with floor complete, a beautiful and moving place for the vigil on Maundy Thursday. Similarly, the stark beauty of the empty church fitted the worship on Good Friday."

Planks of ancient larch were used for the floor, to complement the 130-year-old Russian larch that was already there. And marine piles from

the River Hamble were donated to the church to be made into a new Communion table by sculptor Ian Brennan.

Fifteen pews that weren't needed were sold to parishioners to aid the appeal. So many wanted one that they could have been sold twice over. New chairs were then delivered and restored pews installed. Worshippers then held a service of dedication for the project last month.

"These were relatively modest changes, but they have transformed the inside of our church," said Andrew. "It now looks more welcoming and is more flexible for worship and community activities."

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