

Children's Resources Newsletter

19th August 2020



Dear All

Hello!! It is wonderful to be back from furlough. I am now on flexi furlough working for one day a week. I am spreading this time across the week. Please do get in touch as I'd love to hear who's doing what in parishes, where you are post lockdown and what we can do to support you.

I am excited to be now working with [Helen Williams](#). The Mission Adviser Children and Families role is made up of three parts. I am the adviser for 0-5 year olds, Helen for 5-11 year olds and South West Youth Ministry for 11 year olds and up.

Prayer Ideas

During the month of August I will post daily prayer ideas to help you encourage under 11's (and their carers!) to engage in prayer. Please upload a photo of yourselves engaging in the activities to social media using the hashtag: #augustprayerchallenge. With thanks to our colleagues at the Diocese of Blackburn. You can download the resource [here](#) to send out to families.

Facebook and Weekly Newsletter

This is the collection of resources for 0-11 year olds which have been posted on the Diocese Facebook groups since my return:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2547710302007675/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/519938642054740/>

Please join these groups for regular updates if you have Facebook.

If you don't, please don't worry as once a week we will continue collating the posts and send out via this Mailchimp each Wednesday.

If you do not want to be included in this mailing please let us know. Also, if you know of someone who you think would like to be included please suggest to them that they sign up by using this link:

<http://eepurl.com/dwRzqr>

Useful Websites and resources links:-

- Here are links to three articles which might be helpful to families, schools or clergy if they have to talk to children or young people about illness and death:
'Protecting the psychological health of children through effective communication about COVID-19' From The Lancet: [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642\(20\)30097-3/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(20)30097-3/fulltext)
'Talking to children about illness' From the British Psychological Association: <https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Policy/Policy%20-%20Files/Talking%20to%20children%20about%20illness.pdf>
'How to tell a child that someone has died' From the Oxford University Hospitals: <https://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/files/research/how-to-tell-children-that-someone-has-died.pdf>
- Sally Naylor, who works in the primary team for Exeter ICE trust, a local Christian schoolwork charity, has been in touch to share with us the online resources they have been passing on to their schools. They have a weekly schedule of posts to their blog and youtube and a daily challenge for families to try at home posted on their facebook and instagram pages.
ICE Youtube Channel: <youtube.com/channel/UCFTtSf5BPf9ErWxtQcR5-kw>
ICE School's blog: <icetrust.co.uk/schools-blog/>
ICE Facebook page: <www.facebook.com/ICETRUST>
ICE Instagram feed: <www.instagram.com/icetrustexeter/>
- The Early Years Alliance has some useful information. Sadly, groups where parents are present cannot currently meet. It seems that the max of 2 household meeting indoors limit, socially distanced, is still in force and that makes Toddlers impossible. They have asked that no soft toys, cushions, mats, etc are shared. They are allowing only easy to clean toys and suggesting not to share playdough type resources. <https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/nurseries-childminders-reopen-coronavirus-lockdown>
- The Diocese of York have been working hard to produce resources that join the dots between home, school and church. They have produced this [calendar](#) for families, which they are sending out via churches and will be accompanied by a range of online resources for collective worship resources for schools and all age worship and youth and children's activities for churches. Printing and delivery for £2.50 per calendar in batches of 500, 750, 1000 or 1500 are available from them.
- I've been asked by the Girls Brigade to forward round their COVID-19 guidance for resuming group activities. As you will see they've explained very clearly that groups need to follow this and their denominational guidance but it might be helpful for some churches to see how some organisations are approaching the guidelines. All their guidance and a current version of their guidance pack (they are planning to update as new guidelines are released) are available at <https://www.girlsbrigadeministries.org.uk/resource/covid-19-resuming-gb-community-group-activities-guidance/>
- Early in lockdown, the Diocese of Bath and Wells offered a simple pilgrimage at home resource. [Here](#) is another offering to help families reflect as they begin to step out again. I know many families will be doing some of this sort of thing already but this offers a simple prayer and reflection dimension.
- Here is the latest guidance from [Messy Church](#).
- Here is the very important Church of England's [COVID 19](#) Mission and Ministry with Children, Young People & Families in a Church Setting' guidance.
- Karen Deboer, the national lead for children & family ministry in the Christian Reformed Church North America, has put together some great ideas that can be delivered to families to help nurture

faith over the summer: <https://network.crcna.org/faith-nurture/super-fun-way-help-families-form-faith-summer-2020-edition>

- During Sundays in August, do check out resources from St Matt's for families to use whilst we continue to meet online. Plus, watch Matt's Kids Online episodes and craft videos on YouTube. And, if you missed their online Superhero Summer Camp, you can watch the two sessions on their website. You can also listen to their family worship playlist on Apple Music or Spotify. <https://www.stmattsexeter.org/online>

- Please see below this poster for some training.

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A two hour infusion of rocket fuel for your ministry among children, young people and families...

Thursday 16th July 10-12noon
Faith at Home
with Rachel Turner (*Parenting for Faith*)

Thursday 3rd September 10-12noon
Emotional Wellbeing in the New Normal
with Dr. Kate Middleton (*Mind & Soul*)

Thursday 8th October 10-12noon
Effective Evangelism Online
with Dan Randall (*Hope Together*)

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With very best wishes

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