

CYP Engaging with Under 5's (including Christmas resources) Zoom – Tuesday 29th November 7pm – 8.30pm

An information evening that uncovers the wonder of engaging with under 5's through small groups, parent & toddler groups and creches. A range of tips, sharing of experiences and inspiration for this wonderful age group - with a hint of Christmas resources included. To book go to - [Engaging with Under 5's \(including Christmas resources\) \(myiknowchurch.co.uk\)](https://myiknowchurch.co.uk)

Children and Young People Volunteer "Thank you" Afternoon Teas

Just a reminder that our volunteer Afternoon teas are taking place, (the Bromley and Bexley Archdeaconry event is taking place this Sunday) the next one will be taking place on Sunday 22nd January 2023 for the Tonbridge Archdeaconry, which will be held at St Andrew's Church, Paddock Wood, 3 – 5pm. It is for anybody connected to children and young people in your parish. People who have attended in the past have had an enjoyable time and really appreciated being "thanked" for what they do. There will be some resources available to have a look at too. To book your place(s) please contact Sarah Cabella on 01634 560000 or email - sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org

The Diocese Children and Young People (CYP) Fund

The CYP Team would like to thank all those who have contributed to the running of projects and ministry that has been funded from the CYP Fund over the past five years. As the fund draws to a close and the monies are gradually being depleted, all applications including FastTrack will go to the full CYP Fund panel meeting being held on Tuesday 6th December to operate a fair system for all the final worthy applications (application deadline 25th November).

The stream that resourced parish ministry has all been allocated; however, we can still take applications from the Bexley and Bromley Archdeaconry to cover ministry with CYP of any age or from high level areas of deprivation working specifically with 11+ age groups from anywhere across the diocese. These may include:

- Disadvantaged
- Marginalised
- Tackle poverty
- Social exclusion
- Churches becoming a community resource

We have received some incredible feedback and learning from the supported projects which we will be able to share with you in 2023.

Children and Young People Mailing Database

We are currently updating our database and if you know of anybody who would like to be added to our mailing or maybe you would like to be removed as you have now left working with children and young people or have left the Diocese, then please contact Sarah Cabella. Sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org

Dates to hold for 2023 CYP Ministry information evenings are (Tuesdays 7pm – 8.30pm) 31st January, 7th March & 9th May – these topics include Parenting for Faith, Engaging with 5-11yrs & Engaging with Young People.



Hand in Hand Children's Ministry – are running some zoom sessions called "Lifting the Lid". To book and to see their planned zooms, go to - [Faithfull Generation – Lifting the Lid forums | Hand in Hand Conference](#)

The Children's Society Good Childhood Report has just been published. The key findings show that children's happiness continues to decline. Young people are on average less happy with their life as whole, school, friends and how they look than ten years ago. Young people are telling us what needs to change and we must listen. Read more here - <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/good-childhood>

Upcoming Events:

Rochester Cathedral Christingle Service – Saturday 10th December, 12.30pm in Rochester Cathedral.

31:8 Safeguarding Sunday – 20th November 2022 (or any Sunday in November)
- Register your church today and get a free Church resource pack when it's ready. [Safeguarding Sunday | Thirtyone:eight \(thirtyoneeight.org\)](#)

Messy Church – Messy Masterclasses sessions are back for this Autumn. Join them for 90 minutes of free interactive online training via zoom looking at many Messy topics to do with Messy Church. [Messy Masterclasses | Messy Church](#)

Messy Adventures - Wild and wiggly', the first of twelve units of Messy Adventures, is now available to download on the website. Learn about the importance of minibeasts and how little things and little people matter to Jesus through the story of Jesus meeting Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). [Messy Adventures | Messy Church](#)

Wintershall – The Passion of Jesus, 7th April 2023 – in Trafalgar Square, London. [The Passion of Jesus | London | Wintershall](#) It's worth noting that they always have an area where there is a team of BSL interpreters for Deaf people too.



Medway and Swale Community Groups and Organisations Grants – Involving Medway Community Grants are now open for grants of up to £2,500 for local groups supporting beneficiaries across Medway and Swale. The funding can be requested to support long term, short term and one-off activities which contribute to the funds objectives. For more information go to - [Online Form \(force.com\)](#)



New –

Steve Wood from Starlight Puppets, based at St Stephens Tonbridge, has produced some YouTube videos for Advent, suitable for children. Take a look here - [\(11078\) Advent - YouTube](#) If anyone is interested in Puppets and would like some more information or help, then Steve is happy to be contacted via email at starlightpuppets@gmail.com

The CYP team – have produced a resources sheet on Christmas and Advent.

Bibleworld – have some free resources for Christmas. [Christmas Resources – Bibleworld Books](#)

BRF Resources Hub have some activities and resources and ideas to mark the season of Remembrance that can be used in all age groups and schools. [You searched for remembrance | BRF](#)

The Children's Society have some FREE resources for Christingle. They can be found here - [Christingle | The Children's Society Shop \(childrenssociety.org.uk\)](#)

Eden Books have some Advent Calendars for sale now and are offering free delivery on orders over £10. [Eden Christmas Store](#)

Bible Society – Christmas resources [Christmas resources - Bible Society](#)

Friends and Heroes / What's in the Bible team have a number of resources for churches to use on various subjects, including Christmas. [DVD Series Packs - Children's Bible Stories - Friends and Heroes](#)

NIV Soul Survivor Bible in One Year – Special price £9.72 [NIV Soul Survivor Bible in One Year | Free Delivery at Eden | 9781444703139](#)

Paraklesis – a new Association of Children, Youth and Families Ministers. It is a project of a new charitable umbrella body for supporting all those in lay ministry. [Paraklesis : About Paraklesis](#)

Youth for Christ have produced a series of downloadable PDFs entitled How To Help, with topics such as How to help our Planet, How to Help Friendships, How to help Be Healthy. [How To Help - Youth for Christ \(yfc.co.uk\)](#)

Scripture Union – Back on Track, a free two hour session that combines faith and sport giving children and young people the opportunity to exercise at a fun and organised event, while also being invited to find out more about God. [Back on Track | Scripture Union](#)

FREE Intergenerational & Family Learning Programs – Jesus and the Discipleship, looking and preparing for Advent. [Jesus & Discipleship - Intergenerational Faith Formation](#)

Don't forget, the CYP Team also have other resources that you can borrow, **for FREE,** to include Godly Play boxes, books / DVDs on holiday clubs, games equipment like giant jenga, giant 4 in a line, badge machine and recently acquired garden games. To borrow any of these please contact Sarah Cabella – sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org



New – Outside the Diocese -

All Saints, Ilkley – are looking for a Children's and Youth Ministry Leader. Salary £28,000. Closing date – 6th January 2023. For more information go to - [CYMJobandPersonSpecification.pdf \(allsaintsilkeley.org\)](#)

Liverpool Hope University are advertising for Vice Chancellor's PhD Scholarships. [Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarships - Liverpool Hope University](#)

Please circulate. Thank you.

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