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Hello, and welcome to "Kidswork" – a newsletter for those working with children in the Anglican churches of Leeds.

My name is Clare MacLaren, and I work half-time as Children's Work Advisor to the Leeds Archdeaconry. This is a post funded by the 4 Leeds deaneries – Armley, Allerton, Headingley and Whitkirk.

I am also half-time parish priest of Whinmoor in the Seacroft Team Ministry - where we worship in St. Paul's C of E Primary School – and mother of teenage twins.

Core Skills for Children's Work

"How do I pitch activities for such a wide age range?"

"How could our children's team work better together?"

"What's the best way to plan a session?"

"How can I help the kids to grow in their relationship with God?"

... ever find yourself asking questions like these?

Then the "Core Skills" Course could be just right for you! There is one beginning in September in South Leeds – run with our Methodist friends at Beeston. See the leaflet in this mailing, or download a copy from the web:

www.kidswork.org.uk

More courses are planned for the New Year in other parts of the city. Let me know if your church would like to host one!



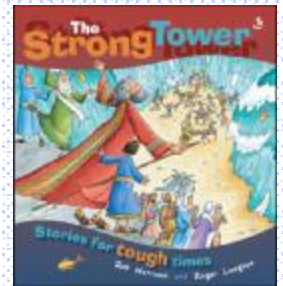
"Building Strong Towers" is an evening workshop run by a team from Scripture Union and the children's charity NCH. The event is based on a new storybook that makes connections between the lives of children who are going through tough times, and the experiences of a number of well known bible characters.

The team are coming to Leeds to run an event on

Thursday 27th September,
7-9.30pm

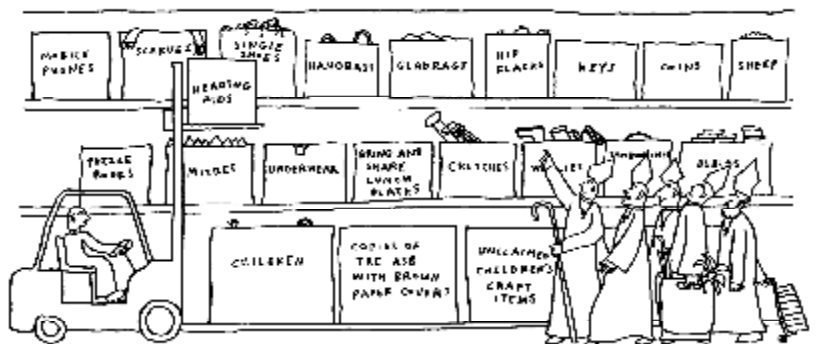
at the Diocesan Offices in Leeds. They will offer in-depth workshops on how we can support children facing issues of bullying, family problems and pressures at school.

Numbers are limited to 60, so do book soon to ensure your place! Cost £10 per person/£5 unwaged. If you don't have the booking form that comes with this mailing, please contact Kath Hinchcliffe on 0113 200 0558 or email kath@riponleeds-diocese.org.uk



LOST PROPERTY

THIS IS COLLECTED BY THE CHURCHWARDENS AND RETAINED FOR A WEEK OR TWO BEFORE BEING SENT TO A GIANT CENTRAL WAREHOUSE DEEP IN THE VAULTS OF CHURCH HOUSE



EVERY FEW MONTHS THE BISHOPS ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE A WANDER ROUND AND CAN HELP THEMSELVES TO THE CHOICEST ITEMS

CartoonChick.com



a "Praise Party" for
children
(7 - 11)

from 6-8pm at
St. George's Church, Leeds
on Saturday 22nd September
(and then next on 17th November.)

Children and adults can find out more by visiting
www.xsite.uk.net

Cost: £2.50 per child

Why not bring a group of children to the next
X:site?

You can stay and watch from the balcony if you wish.

If you want to get involved, we are keen to recruit
more team members both behind the scenes and
working in small groups with the children.
(CRB check required)



The next "Create"
event
for 11-15's is on

*Saturday 13th October 3-6pm
at St Richard's Church, Seacroft.*

*"Create" is an ideal event to bring a
small group of young people to!*

*Planned, organized and run by young
people, the "Create" team aims to
model their participation alongside
adults, in the creative life of our
churches...*

Inspiring - Challenging - Fun!



First Aid Training

A certificated course in pediatric first aid,
provided by "Fast Response" First Aid Training
will take place on

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

9.30am to 4.30pm

at St George's Church Centre, in Leeds.

The cost will be £35 per person, and certification
lasts for three years. Numbers limited to 24, so
please book early on the form in this mailing, or
downloadable from the "Kidsworld website."

KEEPING IN TOUCH:

You are receiving this newsletter because you are
on my contact list.

Please let me know if there are other folk I should send it to !

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WISE BEFORE THE EVENT



Supporting children & young
people through bereavement.

On Saturday 10th November
and Tuesday 20th November,
Claire Stableford of the
Child Bereavement Trust
will be leading day workshops
at the

Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Offices
10am - 4pm.

These events are open to all, but
limited to 14 participants per day
so please book early!

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be downloaded from Kidsworld website.