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# Kidswork

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

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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.

Many apologies to anyone who noticed that the "Kidswork" Website had "gone on holiday" over the summer! This was entirely due to the incompetence of the web mistress – i.e. me. If you haven't visited for a while, do go and have a look at it.

You can download copies of this newsletter, and booking forms for all the forthcoming events advertised here – and I try to put seasonal resources up there whenever I can. There are also links to other websites you might find interesting or useful too!

[www.kidswork.org.uk](http://www.kidswork.org.uk)



## First Aid Training

A certificated course in pediatric first aid, provided by "Fast Response" First Aid

Training will take place on

**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 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 "Kidswork" website.

## WISE BEFORE THE EVENT



Supporting children & young people through bereavement.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
and

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November,

Claire Stableford of the Child Bereavement Trust will be leading 2 identical 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!

## THE RIPON & LEEDS DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE



...is now open, and anyone can access it to borrow from a growing number of books and multimedia resources – including lots of children's work stuff!!

You can either call in at the Diocesan Offices during office hours (staffed 2-5pm, and at other times by arrangement) or browse the catalogue online, and then ring and reserve, or have the items you want to borrow sent to you! All you pay is the postage!

You can call Kath Hinchcliffe, the administrator on 200 0547, email her at [kathh@riponleeds-diocese.org.uk](mailto:kathh@riponleeds-diocese.org.uk) and visit:

[www.resourcecentre.riponleeds.anglican.org](http://www.resourcecentre.riponleeds.anglican.org)



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

from 6-8pm at  
St. George's Church, Leeds  
on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
(and then next on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008.)

Children and adults can find out more by  
visiting [www.xsite.uk.net](http://www.xsite.uk.net)

Cost: £3 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.

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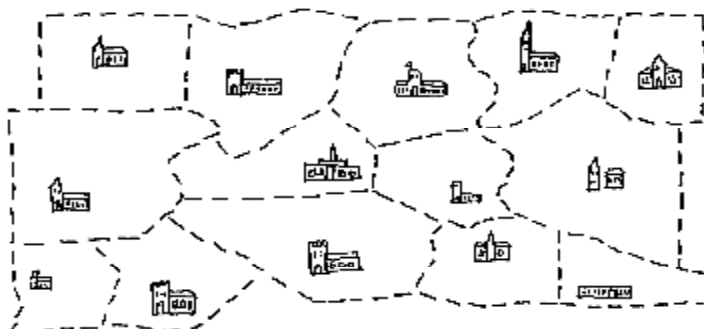
Please contact Jo Bailey on 259 0160

## Do you run an Easter holiday club?

Don't forget that Easter is almost as early as it can be in 2008. Lots of schools are running the spring term into Holy Week and not breaking up until Maundy Thursday... which leaves those of us who usually run a club in Holy Week in an interesting position! Of course, this could be a brilliant opportunity to really "do" Easter in your local school this year - so it would be great to hear what creative solutions you come up with!

## THE PARISH SYSTEM

THE ENTIRE COUNTRY IS DIVIDED INTO PARISHES.  
EACH ONE HAS ITS OWN CHURCH. EVERYBODY GOES  
TO THEIR LOCAL PARISH CHURCH\*



\* UNLESS IT IS TOO HIGH, TOO LOW, TOO LIBERAL, TOO EVANGELICAL, TOO CATHOLIC, TOO MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, TOO UNBIBLICAL, HAS TOO MANY BELLS AND SMOLES, HAS TOO MANY SMOLES, HAS SERMONS THAT ARE TOO LONG, HAS TOO MANY CHILDREN, HAS NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN, HAS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, HAS MUSIC THAT IS TOO OLD FASHIONED, HAS MUSIC THAT IS TOO HAPPY CLAPPY, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A WOMAN, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A MAN, HAS A VICAR WHO IS A BIT ODD, HAS SERVICES THAT START TOO EARLY IN THE MORNING, HAS REALLY BAD COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICES, HAS PARTICULARLY UNCOMFORTABLE PUEWS, HAS SERVICES THAT CLASH WITH SUNDAY LUNCH PREPARATION TIME, HAS SERVICES THAT DON'T USE THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, HAS SERVICES THAT DO USE THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER OR ISN'T THE CHURCH ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIMARY SCHOOL THEY HAD IN MIND

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

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
3-6pm  
at St Richard's Church, Seacroft

## "CHRISTMAS CRAFTS"

"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!



Looking for a "leg-up" with a project you have in mind? The Leeds Children's Gift Fund is a way for Leeds businesses to support local projects working with children. They have £40,000 in the pot at present. You won't qualify if your project's aims are "promoting purely religious causes" - but most of our work has much wider benefits too, so why not look into it? Speak to Amanda Wingfield on 0113 242 2426, or have a look at their website: [www.leedscommunityfoundation.org.uk/grant-making](http://www.leedscommunityfoundation.org.uk/grant-making)

### 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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