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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.

Hello again! There's loads of stuff in this edition of "Kidswork" that I hope you'll find interesting and helpful in your work. Most of it takes place in Leeds, but the good news, for those of you who live in the north of the Diocese, is that a survey of our children's work provision is now under way, with a view to making sure that resources are available to all of us - from city to dale - in the future.

Core Skills for Children's Work has just made a good start in the Wetherby/Thorner area, and I've had enquiries about another course for the autumn in and around Horsforth - so watch this space!

My big news is that I'm off to our link Dioceses in Sri Lanka for 6 weeks (July/August), where I'll be collecting and recording some of the music of the Sri Lankan church to bring back to enrich our worship here! I look forward to sharing some of what I learn with you on my return - but in the meantime, may God continue to bless your ministry!

Have a great summer!

Clare



Teenagers! - what every parent *has* to know.

The one thing that's (almost) certain about the kids we work with – and the kids we live with – is that they won't stay kids for long! Rob Parsons has been there, and is coming to Leeds soon to share some of the laughter, the heartache and a godly perspective, on the tough job of parenting teens.

Having heard him before, I'm expecting a great evening – with food for thought, whatever age-group you work with:

**Leeds Town Hall, Thursday 5th June,
7.30 - 10pm**

Book at www.careforthefamily.org.uk/teens or
phone (029)2081 0800



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

Saturday 14th June

3-6pm

at St Richard's Church, Seacroft

MOVIE MAKING

"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...

GREENBELT 2008

22-25th August - Cheltenham Race Course

The "Create" team has been invited to contribute to Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival this year!!!

If you'd like to join us and camp as part of a larger group, then contact Judith (0113 226 5515)

Inspiring - Challenging - Fun!

Training Opportunities

Tuesday 20th May
"Holy Terrors?!"

ONLY 3
PLACES
LEFT!

Developing work with under-5's in your church?
Whether you have an existing group or want to start one up – this session will send you home full of great ideas and practical suggestions!

Tuesday 3rd June
Great Games for Groups

Whatever your facilities, whatever size your group – pep up your session with some great games! Come and have fun learning them!

Monday 30th June
Challenging Behaviour

Disruptive behaviour can make children's work a chore. Come and share coping strategies that really make a difference!

Each of these evenings takes place from
7.30 – 9.30pm at the Diocesan Offices in
Leeds and costs £3 to attend.

Booking forms are in this mailing – or to download from the "Kidswork" website.



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

from 6–8pm at
St. George's Church, Leeds
on Saturday 14th June

Children and adults can find out more by
visiting 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.

"Kids in Ministry" Conference

Thursday 15th – Saturday 17th May

I've received details of a visit to Leeds from Becky Fisher of "Kids in Ministry International". City Church, who meet at Ashwood Hall on Headingley Lane are hosting a 3 day conference: "to train and equip adults to minister to children... and to release children into the things of the Spirit – evangelism, the gifts of the Spirit, hearing the voice of God, prayer..."

The conference is free, but you must pre-book for the sessions you want to attend (morning, afternoon and evening on each day) For more details of each session, and to book your place, please contact Kathi Kelly at kathi@citychurchleeds.net or

KEEPING IN TOUCH:

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FUNDING FOR HOLIDAY CLUBS

Have you got to that time of year when you're beginning to think about planning ahead to run a holiday club in the summer?

Don't forget that financial help may be available from the Diocese's "Inglefield Fund".

Application forms can be obtained from Kath Hinchcliffe at the Diocesan Offices: (0113) 200 0558

BEHIND THE SCENES

THERE IS MORE TO THE LIFE OF A CHURCH THAN THE GOINGS ON THAT ONE CAN OBSERVE ON A SUNDAY. MUCH OF THIS ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE IN A SECRET LABYRINTH OF SUBTERRANEAN TUNNELS

