

Telford Christians Together

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INFORMATION & RESOURCES

October 2017

Saturday 28 October: You are also welcome to join a free day training session on “Dementia-Friendly Worship” on Saturday 28 October 2017 at 9.30 for 10am – 4pm at St Thomas' & St Andrew's C of E Church, Doxey Road, Doxey, Stafford, ST16 1EQ.

This practical and participative day will give ideas and resources to anyone who is helping lead worship in a residential home and anyone who is interested in making their church services more dementia-friendly.

Book your FREE place on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-friendly-worship-tickets-37614538096?aff=eac2>



or by emailing tc@lichfield.anglican.org or phoning 01922 707864.

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Youth leaders across the country are forming small groups to use the 10-session Mission Academy Live programme– here’s why.

- It saves preparing 10 sessions! That’s a good start!
- It’s video based. Always a winner!
- It will empower young people to share their faith with their friends.
- It will give young people exciting testimonies and will see youth groups grow.
- It’s totally FREE.

As part of the launch of Mission Academy Live there are free launch days for youth leaders. On Saturday 21st October at Lichfield . These events will inspire young people for evangelism and will help them consider running Mission Academy Live in their context.

For all the information you need on Mission Academy Live and the launch events, and to sign up as a Mission Academy Live small group to download the FREE material, check out the website

http://hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/295414/Regional_Launch_Days.aspx

Dementia—Friendly Churches

There are two good opportunities coming up to help make our church more dementia-friendly.

Starting Tuesday 17 October at 7.30, for 4 weeks: You are welcome to join a free four-session “Dementia-Friendly Churches” course that will be running on four consecutive Tuesday evenings, starting at 7:30 on Tuesday 17 October at **St Andrew’s Church Hall, 7 Wallshead Way, Church Aston, TF10 9JG**. The course will run by Sarah Thorpe, Dementia Enabler in our area of the Diocese of Lichfield and will look at Pastoral Care, Buildings, Services and Community Networks. The course will have a practical focus, to help us to identify steps we can take to make and keep connections with people affected by dementia. For more information and to book your FREE place on the course, contact Sarah Thorpe by emailing sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org or phoning 0798 224 8949.

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Sarah Thorpe is Dementia Enabler in the Diocese of Lichfield. She supporting churches in northern Shropshire in becoming more dementia-friendly churches at the heart of dementia-friendly communities. Her blog is <http://salopdementiafriendlychur.apps-1and1.net/>

Sarah is willing to share the dementia-friendly churches material that she is using. For example, one document is a simple “Passport”, as a tool to have a discussion about favourite hymns, services, prayers and Bible verses, as well as significant spiritual occasions, people and places. It was created to support people living with dementia – but in fact it’s been used effectively with a whole range of people. It can be filled in with someone living with dementia to share preferences and significant aspects of their lives which, as time goes on, might prove extremely valuable to those caring for someone. Sarah’s got Dropbox folder of material relevant to dementia-friendly churches – if you’d like her to send you a link to the folder, just drop her a line sarah.thorpe@lichfield.anglican.org

Hallowe'en Resources

The Lichfield Diocese Reaching New Generations Team have provided a useful list of appropriate resources for alternatives to Hallowe'en. Follow the links below;



Scripture Union: <http://bit.ly/2yL5lkv>
SU Light Parties: www.lightparty.org.uk
Barnabas: <http://bit.ly/2xle4sN>
Worldvision: <http://bit.ly/2yKEZ2h>
Glen Scrivener video: <https://vimeo.com/75045602>

HOPE in our villages,
towns and cities

Christmas HOPE is a 28-page glossy give-away magazine. The aim of Christmas HOPE is to give churches a top-quality give-away to use door-to-door in their neighbourhoods. Churches that use HOPE’s rhythm of mission find that regular contact, and a culture of hospitality and generosity helps to build relationships. With Christmas HOPE as something to give, the aim is that Christians will find it easier to say something about their faith and to invite neighbours to Christmas events.



Comedian and actor Miranda Hart, Sky Sports and former Blue Peter presenter Simon Thomas, and toy store entrepreneur Gary Grant are among those featured in the 2017 Christmas HOPE magazine.

To request copies contact Sue Jennens: sue.jennens@hopetogether.org.uk

More information on the HOPE website:

<http://hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/281125/Christmas.aspx>

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