Telford Christians Together

TOGETHER for the Kingdom

April 2019

Easter ideas

Easter resources for children from the Bible Society include **Three Friends and the Miracle Man.**



Based on the gospel accounts, this brand new Easter story for children imagines their journey to discovering who Jesus really is.

This resource would be ideal you are planning an all-age Easter service. Explore the life, death and resurrection of Jesus using the script for this children's story.

The resource comes with reflection points, ideas for prayer, songs and Bible readings.

You can order a free sample of **Three Friends** and the Miracle Man from the website:

https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/ easter/

Invitation Cross Sunday

An Invitation Cross Sunday is essential for any church taking part in the National Weekend of Invitation.

When to hold your Invitation Cross Sunday

Sunday **June 2nd** is the recommended day – set in the context of The Archbishop's Thy Kingdom Come and several weeks before the Invitation Weekend. See the full suggested <u>timetable</u>.

However, churches are free to choose the Sunday that will work best for them.

What happens on an Invitation Cross Sunday?

The aim is to release people from the fear of inviting and help them take the first steps to doing so. At each service –

The sermon/talk presents <u>the three ways to</u> <u>think differently</u> and more Biblically about inviting others

• In a time of prayerful reflection, people ask God who he might be nudging them to invite – and put the person's initials on a post it note.

• As an act of worship, people bring these post it notes to a large cross at the front.

For more information go to the website:

http://weekendofinvitation.com/getting-ready/ invitation-cross-sunday/

Kites for Pentecost

If you like making and flying kites then you will find this is a great idea for an all-age service for Pentecost.

http://thebillabong.info/lectionary/ideas-forpentecost/kites-for-pentecost/



AMPLIFY



Amplify are looking for young people who are actively living out what it looks like to share their faith; confidently speaking with peers, inviting friends to church, setting up Christian Unions and generally taking any opportunity to share Jesus.

Amplify aims to deeply invest in these young people – helping them to develop a greater understanding of the gospel as well as confidence in sharing their faith. They will then offer opportunities for evangelism in a variety of settings - offering accessible models of what it means to share faith in this contemporary youth culture.

Launching in September 2019, Amplify will seek to journey with 60-100 hand-picked young people aged 11-18, from many different churches and denominations right across the UK (no more than two young people per any one church). See their website:

https://advance2020.org/amplify/

The Gift of Unity

A service of worship for all ages focussing on using our gifts for the common good. This includes ideas for worship and group activities . The aim is to highlight the fact that the church is the people



of God and that whatever the denomination, the Holy Spirit brings unity when we use our gifts in God's service.

http://thebillabong.info/lectionary/ideas-forpentecost/the-gift-of-unity/

HOPE 2020

In 2020 many churches are planning intentional mission activities and HOPE Together has a valuable planning tool in the form of a calendar of opportunities to engage with loal community and national events. HOPE 2020 provides a rhythm of mission to help make Jesus known. You can order free copies (payment for p & P) from the website:

https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/ Groups/256542/Rhythm of Mission.aspx



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