



AUTUMN '07



Newsletter for Youth Workers in Rochester Diocese

Hello and welcome back after the summer. I hope you had the opportunity for a rest and a break away from parish life. If not, then I hope you can get away soon.

A new term and a new year is upon us with new opportunities and new projects! I hope that whatever you are embarking upon this new term that you will be encouraged and that God gives you all that you need as you seek to serve Him through the young people in your different contexts.

At the Diocesan Office we are embarking upon a new project as well with the Building Foundations Training Course for young people. If you have any young people who are helpers or leaders in the work you do, then maybe you would like to see them get some training? See the back for more details. We are very excited about this new home written resource. Get in touch if you have any questions.

Angelspace is going from strength to strength and we are gearing up for our next event on September 30th at 6pm. We are also launching Angelspace Lite, which is the same event but in the Deanery Context and this time it will be at Paddock Wood on October 28th. More details to follow. If you would like to get your group more involved in Angelspace, then get in touch and we can talk about how you can do that!

Finally, I would like to welcome all the new youth workers that have joined us since the beginning of the term. In particular, Tim Arding who is the new part time youth worker at St. Michael's Church in Wilmington who will be working alongside Rachel Bullimore when she returns from maternity leave.

May God bless all the work you do with young people this term.

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Child Protection Training Days with CCPAS and the Diocese

St. Andrews Church
Paddock Wood
Tonbridge
Saturday 27th October 9am to 1.30pm

Harrietsham Village Hall 9am to 1.30pm
Harrietsham
Saturday 1st December

Cost: £17.50 includes refreshments and workbook.

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Mixing' It Up with...

Three new resources available this term for 9 to 13s written by Owen Smith, Youth Worker at Rainham. £8.99 available from Church House Publishing or from your local Christian Bookshop of Diocesan Youth Office!

YOUNG LEADERS NEEDED!

We are piloting a new course written by KEYCOG for young people who are volunteer youth & children's leaders in churches.

This is our *Building Foundations* course for Young People. We are looking to pilot on a weekend away at St. Bartz in Sussex on 9th, 10th and 11th November 2007. Please get in touch if this interests you!

Cost of the weekend will be £35 per person.

Building Foundations: ***The Next Generation leading the church!***

Employing a Youth or Children's Worker?

Two training days for parishes/benefices

November 1st: **Employing a Worker.** The benefits and responsibilities of employing, employment issues, supervision etc. With time for those attending to share together and raise questions

January 22nd: **Managing a Worker Effectively.** The line manager's role, goal setting, reviewing progress, team working, avoiding burn out etc.

Cost: £40 for the whole course to include lunch

Venue: Rochester Diocesan Office

Time: 10am to 3.30pm

The training days will be run in partnership with **AMAZE**, the Association of Christian Youth & Children's Workers.

It will be expected that participants will attend both days or that substitutes will be made from within the same parish/benefice.

Booking forms are available from Sarah Cabella at the Board of Education.

REGISTER YOUR GROUP FOR THE \$20 CHALLENGE!

How will your youth group bless your community in 2008? If you register your youth group with the Youth Department at Diocesan Office we will give your group £20 and a teaching pack to go and bless your community in 2008.

All we ask in return is that you tell us what you did.



More information from Phil Greig.

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