

# Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

*Supporting Ministry to Children & Young People*  
*Charity number 1169443*

Dear Friends.

Easter 2017

After almost 10 years my time in Otley is coming to an end! It has been a great experience as we have developed Open the Book and What's the Story over the years, and I have had the privilege of working with so many fantastic volunteers. Every one of you has given your time and energy to share the gospel with children who would not normally hear the good news. The other part of my role has been managing the Hub. What a journey we have been on, as a small Deanery project developed and blossomed, and grew into the charity that it is today. That wouldn't have happened without the support, both financial and spiritual, from the Deanery Synod, parishes and clergy over the years. So a huge thank you to all those who have been part of that journey. As I retire I am looking forward to new challenges as Paul and I move to Northallerton and begin a new adventure. The Resources Hub is in great hands as Mandy takes on the role of Hub Manager - she has got lots of experience in all areas of ministry and will be a great advocate to see the work continue. Please continue to pray for the work, and I look forward to hearing how it develops over the next few years. I hope to see many of you on 27th April, and wish you all a blessed time this Easter.

With all good wishes, *Anne*

## What's the Story about Easter?

For those churches that take part in What's the Story, the sight of the donkey being transported around the area in the front of my car has always caused comment. So just for you, here is the donkey on it's final trips this Easter!



Five local churches used our resources and others around the wider Diocese have also used the project. Story chains have gone to Harrogate, Bradford, Leeds and Sheffield !!

Mandy and I have worked with a couple of churches in delivering the project - it's good to experience first hand the children's reactions and responses to the Easter story.

The final church to present the project was St Peter's, Addingham - team photo below!



Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard in all 5 churches.



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30 pm  
Otley Parish Church Room (inside the church building)

With Neil Jackson from Scripture Union

Explore Together is a new initiative from Scripture Union. It is a practical approach to Bible study, suitable for all ages. It encourages exploration of the Bible using natural learning preferences and preferred spiritual styles.

The evening will include an outline of the Explore model, a chance to experience an Explore session or (for those already running Explore) time to reflect, ask questions and share ideas.

Free to our member churches  
(£5 or 3 for £12 for non-members).

**For further information or to book please contact Mandy**

## Don't Forget!

Anne's retirement celebration in Otley Parish Church  
Thursday 27th April, 7.30pm - 9.00pm  
Further information from Mandy.



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