

Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

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Dear Friends,

As Christmas draws to a close with Epiphany and Candlemas it seems far too early to be thinking about Easter but lent begins in two weeks! Do take time to have a look at our **Lent and Easter Resources booklet**, you'll find it on our website or pick up a hard copy on your next visit to the Chestnuts.

This new year has got off to a busy start as we develop props and costumes for new OTB stories and roll out our new Godly Play resources. You can find more details about both of these projects and how you can be involved below. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who would like to join our props team—if you are creative and have a bit of time to give please volunteer or have a chat with Mandy for more information.

Mandy

What's the Story about Easter?



Easter story chains are now available, please order as soon as you can.

We already have three bookings for "What's the Story?" If you would like to run this project with your local school or would like some training in how to deliver it please do get in touch.



Open the Book News

Mandy and Peter Willox (Chair of trustees) met with Julie Jeffries in November. It was the first time OTB National had visited our Resources Hub and they were really impressed with the quality of our programme, props and organisation. Julie was very happy for us to include Christian Values stories in our programme and perhaps work a bit more closely with Open the Book National in giving feedback about how the stories work in practice.

Mandy then met with some of our teams to talk about the Christian values programme (all team leaders should have had the notes from this meeting so please contact Mandy if you haven't received them). This was a positive meeting and it was decided that we would begin to produce props, costumes and guidance for these stories with a view to some being ready for use in September.

To start this process the props team is meeting at The Chestnuts on Tuesday the 20th of February at 1pm. We need some new members – if you have a flair for dressmaking, drawing, painting or woodwork please come and join us.



New Godly Play Resources

Our first batch of Godly Play resources are ready to use. If you would like to know more about Godly Play and how to use these lovely resources in your setting please book a space on our information evening on:

Monday 26th of February at the Chestnuts

Contact: mandy@ocrh.org.uk, 'phone the Hub or message through Facebook page.

