



Autumn Newsletter



Here we are in September and the start of a new school term! Like many of you, we have enjoyed seeing all the 'starting or returning to school photos' being shared on social media and, like you, are praying for a better school experience for our children, young people and teachers this year. At the Hub we are looking forward to supporting you in all you do in schools whether you are continuing online, going back in person or waiting for a little more certainty. We are here to help and you can find out the latest news on our school programmes (Open the Book and What's the Story) below. From January we are planning to develop our schools provision by supporting churches to offer small group and class based storytelling activities. We will have further details about this after half term but if you would like to register your interest now please get in touch with Mandy.

We know September is also an important month for churches as various activities with children, young people and families begin again, see page 2 for details of our zoom workshops to help and encourage leaders and volunteers.

We really hope to see many of you over the Autumn term and from September we will be open two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. For the moment we are still asking people to 'book in' before coming so we can manage numbers in the building but we would love to see you and the kettle is always on!

Open the Book



Please pray for our Open the Book teams and the schools they are visiting whether that is in person or online.

Booking Stories

If you are running an Open the Book programme this term please book your stories as soon as you can so we can organise the diary as fairly as possible and with enough time between bookings.

Refresher / Core Training

We have a zoom training with OTB national on Friday 8th October for our local teams. If you are a storyteller and would like to come please let Mandy know by September the 20th.

Schools Work

What's the Story about Christmas?

Our Christmas project for schools and community groups will be available to book as usual this year. We are hoping many churches will be able to offer this in person but we have an online option too.

There will be a workshop / training session for anyone wanting to run

What's the Story? On Tuesday the 2nd of November at 10am. Contact Mandy to book.

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Godly Play

The Leeds and Bradford Godly Play Network is meeting on Thursday the 16th of September at 7:30pm. This is open to anyone interested in Godly Play. Contact Mandy if you would like to come along.

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Autumn Programme

As the new academic year starts many of our church ministry groups are reopening and it's a great opportunity to think about the core principles and practices that underpin our work. These sessions are a great starting point and are suitable for experienced children's leaders and those that might be taking on the role for the first time.

Each session costs £5* (50% discount for additional participants from the same church / team.)

(*Free to participants from member churches)

To make a booking or for further information contact: mandy@ocrh.org.uk

Creating Community with children and families

Establishing routines, rituals and celebrations .

Monday 20th September 7:30pm till 9.00pm on Zoom.

Exploring the Bible with Children and families

Storytelling techniques, creative responses, and useful resources .

Monday Oct 4th 7:30 till 9.00pm on Zoom

Creative prayer with children and families

Practical ideas and useful resources .

Monday Oct 11th 7.30 till 9:00pm on Zoom

A quick dip into spiritual styles and faith development

Monday 1st November 7:30 till 9.00pm on Zoom

Thinking about Advent and Christmas

Great resources and ideas to help children and families engage with Advent and Christmas. Monday 15th November : 7.30pm on Zoom

Mini Christmas Retreat Hour

A session for those in Children/ family ministry to take an hour away from the busyness and explore the themes of the season.

Monday 6th of December 7:30pm to 8:30pm on Zoom.