

Otley Christian Resources Hub CIO

Supporting Ministry to Children & Young People Charity number 1169443

Dear Friends ,

We have a new home! As some of you are aware we have taken the decision to stay at Ben Rhydding on a permanent basis and will not be returning to the Chestnuts at Otley. This was not a decision we rushed or took lightly as we have been housed at the Chestnuts since our project began . However, after feedback from many of you (mostly around access and parking issues) plus the additional space required to house the expanded Open the Book Programme- it feels like the right time to move. We would like to thank Otley Parish church for their hospitality and support over many years, we will of course continue to work with them as one of our mission giving churches, not least because they have two open the book teams going into local schools.

So, after lots of change we are looking forward to starting the new term in a new home with the newly (almost) completed Open the Book programme. As a reminder our new address , contact details and opening times are:

Where to Find Us:

The Tower Room
St John The Evangelist
Bolling Road
Ben Rhydding
LS29 8PN

Contact us:

mandy@ocrh.org.uk

Mobile
07592 296356
(Call text or WhatsApp)

Opening Hours

Wednesdays 9:30 to 1:30 and
Fridays 9:00 till 12:00

If you haven't yet seen our new premises why not join us for our AGM on 17th September at 2pm. All welcome!

Please let Mandy know if you are going to attend.

Open the Book Notices

Collecting Resources

In the long term we are hoping to have a key safe in the church so that access to the resource room will be possible every day from 9 to 5. Until this is in place you can collect and drop off on Wednesday and Friday mornings when Mandy is here or on Tuesday and Thursday mornings when the Ben Rhydding administrator is here and can give you a key a key, (ring her first in case of holidays 01943 601430). If you cannot do any of those times, please contact Mandy and we will try to come up with a solution.

Get together

Now that we are settled in at Ben Rhydding, we would like to reschedule our postponed Open the Book Get together. The proposed date is October 15th at 11am further details to follow - please save the date.

Help Needed

What's the Story about Christmas? Giving Appeal

What's the Story? is as popular as ever and visits lots of churches during December. Given how long the project has been running some of the resources are starting to look a bit tired and we need to replace them. In particular , we would like to purchase replacement bibles for the Bible base and some additional T shirts . This will cost around £400 and we are appealing for donations to help us meet this expense. If you would like to contribute it would really help. You can make a cash donation or, preferably, make a transfer straight into our account:

Account Name: Otley Christian Resources Hub
Sort code: 05-06-61
Account number: 32410216
Payment Ref: WTS

Please let Mandy know if you can help.

Don't Forget to Book your dates for What's the Story?

If you have never run the project and would like to – please contact Mandy.
mandy@ocrh.org.uk



Godly Play News

Godly Play UK

Godly Play UK are running a three-day core training at the Diocesan offices in Leeds between the 18th and 20th of November 25. The booking link is on their website godlyplay.uk or you can contact them for further information on admin@godlyplayuk

They have also found a new supplier for their beautiful resources at Jenny ruth workshops. If you would like to order anything you can contact them on godlyplaysales@jennyruth.co.uk



Leeds and Bradford Godly Play Network

There are four meetings planned for this Academic year. We are running a mix of in person and online events to offer as much flexibility as possible. The meetings are open to anyone with an interest in Godly play, storytelling or children's spirituality please feel free to join us for a story and chat at the following times:

Monday 8th December 7:30 – 9:00 (online)
Thursday 12th March 7:30 – 9:00 (in person)
Monday 22nd June 7:30 – 9:00 (in person)
Thursday 24th September (online)
Venues to be confirmed for in person events.

Don't forget we have most of the resources you need for the first four volumes of Godly Play stories plus some of the enrichment stories - all available to borrow. Contact Mandy for more details.



Resource Giveaway

We have a number of resources looking for a new home please feel free to take any that you can make use of. Any leftovers will be donated to charity in October.

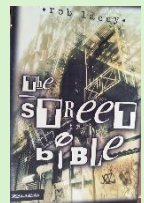


Bob Hartman books, most are brand new.

Knitted people – these are great for storytelling with young children, for toddler groups or to put in busy bags.



A box of **Street Bibles** looking for a new home.



OutoftheBox



Out of the Box is a great resource if you are looking for new ways of using stories and play to engage all ages. It is currently being used in offices, schools, hospitals, prisons, therapeutic settings and churches and helps groups explore meaning through playful dialogue and creativity. If you would like to know more, they run regular, online taster sessions (book through their website 'outofthebox.org') or contact mandy for further details.