



Family Friendly Churches

Committed to making churches places where all are welcome

The Newsletter of the Family Friendly Churches Trust

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Check out our website: www.FamilyFriendlyChurches.org.uk

Please feel free to print and distribute this Newsletter.

ECG and the Saga Generation

Some time ago our son, Ralph, played in a Heavy Metal band. As proud parents we wanted to see him perform, but he tried to warn us that it might be a bit loud. My wife's response to this was "Listen son! I know loud. I've stood under the speakers at a Hawkwind concert"

I was reminded of this at ECG, a new Christian event at Llandudno. An inspired decision was to move YFriday from the youth venue to the main venue. As they started on the first night I don't know who were more shocked, the congregation as the volume hit them or the band as they saw a congregation with an average age some 40 years higher than they were expecting.



However with some sensitivity from the band the majority of people of all ages were won over, so much so that the concert on the last evening was truly an all age event and was enjoyed from the youngest to the oldest. Take my word for it, God was really worshipped through the week!

If we stand back and think for a moment we shouldn't be too surprised at this. I am now in the Saga Generation yet I grew up with and loved the sounds of the Beatles, Rolling Stones and then slightly later, Queen. Those 10 years older than me grew up in the era of Rock and Roll.

So often Churches think they need to have this kind of music and worship for the teenagers. They may be right, but actually they also need to look at doing this for the parents of their teenagers.

By the way Ann and I really enjoyed our evening of Heavy Metal.

Mike Bossingham

You can find out about ECG at www.ecgevent.org.uk

And YFriday at www.yfriday.co.uk

Dougie Dug Dug

Doug Horely and his team are filming a new action song DVD for the new Flabbergasted CD on Sunday 1st June 2008 and they need an audience!



They are looking for people who can bring a group of enthusiastic kids aged 7-12 with a suitable number of adult helpers. It will take place in Epsom, Surrey (UK) starting at 1030 and

finishing between 6 and 7 pm. They will have dancers, breakdancing and puppets and it will be a lot of fun - although it will be a tiring day!

If you are interested then email them at duggiedugdug@clara.net and they will send you more information. It is free of charge.

www.duggiedugdug.co.uk

This Newsletter

The newsletter has been running now for 4 years (all back copies are on the web site) and it is time to review the distribution.

We would not want to be sending the letter out to people who no longer wish to receive it and to email addresses that are no longer being used. This means we want to review our mailing list. So if you want to keep receiving the newsletter click reply to the email that it is attached to and put your name in the body of the email. We will also be sending out the newsletter in a new format from the May edition onwards.

Advanced Multimedia Courses

There are now many churches that have projectors installed and are starting to want to make good use of them.

One real problem area is the use of music and video. It seems either you need expensive equipment or you have to switch the mode of the projector to show a film clip - and that all looks clumsy.

This day course shows you how to seamlessly work with sound and video at minimal cost and even how to edit them (We have even shown a pastor for the deaf how to add sub-titles to a film!). There is still room on the day courses are being held at:

April 5	Winchcombe Methodist Church, Glous
April 12	Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Darlington.
April 26	Heartsease Methodist Church, Norwich
May 3	Sudbury Methodist Church, Suffolk
May 31	Woodley Methodist Church, Stockport

The day costs just £20 (we've seen equivalent courses advertised at over £100 a day!) and can be booked through the web site at:
www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/mpdspec.htm

This month's offer

This DVD, supplied by Active Media contains a number of video reflections filmed around Lee Abbey in North Devon

There are 13 video sequences combining visual images and music around the themes of creation and redemption.



These are coupled with the music of Simeon Wood and John Gerighty and feature stunningly beautiful stills photography.

The DVD can be used for either corporate or personal worship and can be played on either a DVD player or PC.

In fact the videos can be easily copied from the DVD to your hard disk and then used in your own presentations.

This DVD normally costs £19.99 + postage, but for April we are offering it for £14 including postage.
www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/offer.htm

Mike's Diary

Below is a list of Mike's commitments for the next couple of months. Please do pray for him. You can see all Mike's bookings on the web site.

April

- 5th Multimedia Advanced day at Winchcombe Methodist Church
- 12th Multimedia Advanced day at Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Darlington
- 26th Multimedia Advanced day at Heartsease Methodist Church, Norwich

May

- 3rd Multimedia Advanced day at St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury
- Book any of the above at www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk/mpdspec.htm
- 9th-11th Family Friendly Weekend for The Drive Methodist Church, Sevenoaks
- 17th-18th Family Friendly Weekend for the Hull East Circuit.
- 24th PowerPoint Training Day at Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church.
- 31st Multimedia Advanced day at Woodley Methodist Church, Stockport



Outwell in Norfolk, our home is just a little way upstream.

[You can download this picture from the web site as wallpaper for your PC.](#)

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