

YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



Grant funding



There are two opportunities this year to apply for financial help with youth and children's work in your church. I have a small amount of funding to give away: you can find an application form under Resources [here](#). You will be asked to explain what you plan to use the grant for, and how this will help your work with children and young people. Grants are normally about £50-£100, but may be more in exceptional cases. You will need to detail how much you expect your project/ activity/ event/ resource to cost. (A detailed breakdown would be helpful.) The deadline for applications is 15 May. There will be a second round of pre-Christmas funding applications with a deadline of 15 November.

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*Pentecost lantern: tissue paper flames glued with PVA to the outside of a jam jar, and a lit tea light placed inside. Thank you to Messy Church Scotland for sharing this idea and image**

**by herewearetogether on Pinterest*

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PENTECOST RESOURCES

Free downloadable All-Age services for Pentecost

Barnabas in Churches offers some inspiring resources for Pentecost as the church's birthday. You can find all details and downloadable content [here](#). There are also lots of good Pentecost crafts which include dove/flame helicopters, flame cupcakes, flame windsocks or kites, flaming tealight jam jars and many more - see this [Pinterest page](#) created by Reuben Addis of Messy Church Scotland and more ideas from Barnabas [here](#).



Image from joyfulmamasplace.blogspot.com

Premier Childrenswork magazine regularly features loads of useful resources. In the latest edition, you can find a free all-age service for Pentecost online [here](#), featuring creative prayer activities, dramatic storytelling and thought-provoking questions for your all-age congregation to explore together. (You will need to register free with the [Premier Childrenswork site](#), and this will give you access to lots of useful and inspiring content.)

LITURGY BOXES

A great way of engaging very young children with a service of Holy Communion is by providing a **Liturgy Box**. This collection of things to look at and hold will lead children through the different parts of the service, from the Gathering prayer to the Dismissal. Why not encourage your church to put one together? A detailed list of contents and how to use them can be found at www.spiritualchild.co.uk. A variation of the Liturgy Box is the **Kniturgy Box**: this could create the opportunity for a partnership between the knitters in your church and



*Knitted globe from
www.clarescopefarrell.co.uk*



the small children who will play with soft, woollen items such as the crocheted cross and the knitted globe (a reminder to pray for the whole world). A full booklet of patterns and instructions is available to borrow now from the Diocesan office (with thanks to the Children, Families and Youth Officer from the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney for this!)

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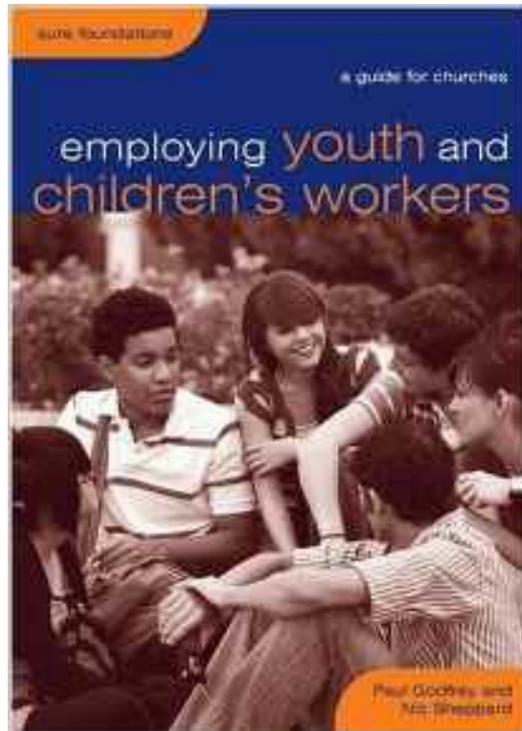
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A GUIDE FOR CHURCHES

EMPLOYING YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORKERS

This excellent book is an invaluable resource for any church that employs someone (whether full- or part-time) to lead work with children, young people and families. It will take you through the vital initial consultation stage, in which the congregation, Rector and Vestry consider their church's mission and their perceived need for an employed worker. Subsequent chapters give detailed advice about the appointments procedure, how to draw up a job description, contracts, working agreements and line management. It's a clear and readable guide, with illuminating cautionary tales:

“St Demanding employed a youth worker two years ago. Many rejoiced that eventually someone with sufficient energy was available to look after the young hearts and minds of the community. Apart from the twice-weekly youth clubs, and developing links with local schools, the church discovered that their new worker also had musical



talent and quickly involved him in creating a music group to aid Sunday worship. ... Being an athletic sort, the worker was also quickly snapped up by the school to help with the football team ... Unfortunately 18 months into the contract the worker went off sick with a stress-related illness.”

A guide for churches: employing youth and children's workers is essential reading if your church is considering employing someone. It is available to borrow now from the Diocesan office or to buy [here](#).

PLAY CHURCH



The diocesan Play Church is already equipped with a colourful set of child-sized vestments, created by the very talented Rev Ruth Green. Now Ruth has made this beautiful wedding dress for children's play and dressing up.

This bride will need a groom! Does anyone have a small boy's formal kilt outfit they would like to donate to Play Church? Please get in touch - contact details below.

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SUMMER EVENTS

April - May 2016
Tickets: £6
£5 if bought before Easter
Under 16s Free

Available on the door or from the church

Music for a Summer Evening

St Mark's Church
287 Portobello High Street
www.stmarksportobello.org
St Marks Portobello
0131 629 1219
South Church St 10101

- Wednesday 27 April: 7pm
Spartie from Penketh High School
Philomonia of Edinburgh: The Five Seasons
with concert read by Roger Chalmers-Lang
- Saturday 30 April: 7pm
Ciaran + Katy
With special guest: Brian McGlynn
Naval singing and delicate guitar - Irish music
with highlights of country and jazz
- Friday 13 May: 7pm
Sally Simpson & Friends
Fiddle music and much more
- Sunday 15 May: 3pm
With The Table Ensemble and
Singing too: The Ladies
Come for music and tea
- Friday 6 May: 7pm
Edinburgh Renaissance Band
Music and instruments of 15th/16th
- Sunday 8 May: 7pm
Jazz Evening Concert
with Richard Michael
As heard on BBC Scotland's
The Jazz House
- Wednesday 18 May: 7pm
Portobello Community Choir
The Bronges Inn and Scottish music
- Friday 20 May: 7pm
Dalkeith and Monktonhall Colliery Brass Band

Jazz Evensong Concert at St Mark's Portobello

Sunday 8 May: 7pm

Jazz Evensong Concert with **Richard Michael**: As heard on BBC Scotland's The Jazz House.

Tickets: £6 and under 16's free - tickets from St Marks. More information [here](#).

SOLAS FESTIVAL

30 April Early Bird deadline

"Solus Festival aims to create a generous, hospitable space in Scotland where the arts can be performed and enjoyed by all. Our programme also makes space for challenging debate with activists, writers and thinkers from across the political, cultural and religious spectrum."

17-19 June at The Bield, Blackruthven, Perth

EH4 5BB

[INFORMATION AND BOOKING](#)

SONGS FOR LIFE

FISCHY MUSIC AND CHURCHES SUPPORTING THE EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL LIVES OF CHILDREN



A child's pictures of Songs for Life in action in the classroom at Aberlady Primary School

Your Church is invited to subscribe to Fischy Music's 'Songs for Life' as a gift to your local school(s) - and the Church gets it free!

'Songs for Life' is an online streaming subscription service consisting of songs that support Health and Wellbeing in children aged 3-12. All the songs are fun, catchy, tried and tested. They help children to build coping strategies - a wide range of topics are covered, including bullying, loss, friendship and transition. For every song, teachers and pupils can access extensive resources that include:

- "Do The Song" Videos
- "Learn The Song" Videos
- "Symbol Movies"
- Lyrics & Sheet Music
- Backing Tracks
- Lesson Planning material

Songs for Life allows those working with children to place music and singing directly into the classroom, so it can become part of everyday life.

Fischy Music is offering churches the opportunity to sponsor their local school(s) by buying both modules at a 20% discount, and the Church gets it free! The discounted costs for a year's subscription are:

- Small school: 0-99 pupils - £120
- Medium school: 100-199 - £160
- Large school: over 200 pupils - £200

Email info@fischy.com for further information or phone 0131 551 1005 or visit www.fischy.com.

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Seen and Heard

Encouraging and equipping
children's ministry

Come to the Seen and Heard conference on Saturday 24 September 2016
to be encouraged and equipped in the valuable work that you do.



Search **Seen and Heard** on Facebook

Book your tickets now! Seen and Heard is an unmissable opportunity for anyone who does Christian work with children, including Sunday school, school groups, assemblies and holiday clubs. Ticket price includes lunch, refreshments and all sessions, including two workshops. Group discount available: please email seenandheard@psandgs.org.uk Find out more and stay up-to-date with the latest speakers, sessions and workshops on the [Facebook page](#).

Watch the new promo [here!](#)

24 September from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
St Paul's & St George's Church, EH1 3JW
INFORMATION & BOOKING

"Glenbombing" Sunday 12 June 2016

St Mark's Portobello has invited Glen delegates and friends to gather together for worship, fun and food. This "Glenbombing" will feature worship devised and led by young people themselves, and all are welcome to come and join the celebration! The service begins at 10.30am. For more information, contact me or check the Edinburgh Diocese Youth and Children Facebook page.

**GLENBOMBING
BY THE SEA**

SUNDAY
12 JUNE
2016

Meet with Glen friends old and new to share worship and food: service starts at 10.30 am.

Check Facebook for updated information: see Edinburgh Diocese Youth and Children's page.

St Mark's Portobello
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THE TENT

What is it?

The Tent is a week-long summer event hosted by an ecumenical group of Edinburgh churches for the local community. It is described as 'One week, one tent, one church' and features **Family Fun Day activities including bouncy castles, a holiday club, workshops and a ceilidh.** Do you know a group of teenagers who might be interested in helping out with The Tent's activities? It's a great opportunity to get involved with mission and outreach to their local community. They will receive training about what The Tent is all about and what will be expected from them. They can then choose from a number of responsibilities to get involved in during the week itself. As a group they have to decide if they want to come together (ideally) and how many days they would like to work.

When is it?

17-22 July 2016. The activities with which the teenagers can help are between 11.30-17.30 every day.

Where is it?

Saughton Park, Edinburgh.

The Tent's space in the park is fenced off and there is a special tent for the volunteers. All volunteers, including the teenagers, will wear a badge and blue volunteer T-shirt that will make them recognisable.

Who's in charge?

During the week there will always be 3 or more staff present and in charge to look after volunteers and the activities. One staff member will be especially in charge of the teenagers and parents can reach that person in case of emergency. (Parents will also be asked to give permission and contact details.) It is hoped that youth leaders will be able to attend with their groups of young people to experience this week or day(s) of mission together.



Who do I contact?

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DIARY DATES

8 May
Jazz Evensong Concert at
St Mark's Portobello, 7pm

15 May
Application deadline for
youth and children grants

1 June
Glen '16 booking deadline

12 June
"Glenbombing" by the
sea from 10.30am at St
Mark's Portobello

17-19 June
Solas Festival

17-22 July
The Tent @ Saughton
Park, Edinburgh

24-30 July
Provincial Youth Week at
Glenalmond College

24 September
Seen and Heard
Children's Ministry Con-
ference
9.30am-4.30pm at St
Paul's & St George's
Church, Edinburgh



SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROVINCIAL YOUTH WEEK

GLEN '16

at Glenalmond College, Perthshire



Sunday 24th to Saturday 30th July 2016

**"OUT OF THIS WORLD" -
LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/provincial-youth-committee/

<https://www.facebook.com/secpyc>

General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Scottish Charity Number SC015962

It's that time again! Please tell teenagers in your church. The total cost of the Week is subsidised by the Scottish Episcopal Church: a suggested contribution is £135 from each person and £110 from their Vestry. Full payment should be made by Wednesday 1st June. If there is a group of delegates coming from your church, and you would like to pay the Vestry contribution all together, please get in touch with Rev Tembu Rongong: rector@stpj.org.uk Application forms available [here](#).

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