

YOUTH & CHILDREN NEWS



Deadline extended
- 24 June

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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**

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

General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church, Scottish Charity Number SC019802



The leaders have been trained, the housegroup materials have been prepared, the activities have been planned... this year's Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond is good to go, and lots of delegates have signed up already.

We don't want any potential delegates to miss out, so the booking deadline has been extended to 24 June. For more information and application forms see [here](#), or contact me for details.

Seen and Heard: children in church should be both!

Come to the Children's Ministry Conference in September to be encouraged, inspired and equipped for your work with children. This conference is designed to serve the whole church: whether your church is tiny, traditional, modern, musical or Messy, there will be something for everyone at Seen and Heard. See page 2 for details.

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- SEEN AND HEARD - Children's Ministry Conference
- CHILDREN'S DESIGN COMPETITION - win an ice cream maker!
- DIARY DATES and vacancies

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YOUTH-LED WORSHIP



This is what happens when young people create and lead worship...

A multisensory, interactive, all-age service to explore what happened when a woman anointed Jesus' feet with perfumed oil: come to St Mark's Portobello on Sunday 12 June and join in this act of worship devised and led by young people.

It has been created by St Mark's team of experienced Glen delegates and younger people in the church. This service is a "Glenbombing" event, so all Glen delegates, their families and friends are especially welcome!

WHEN: Sunday 12 June from 10:30 am

WHERE: [St Mark's Church, Portobello](#)

DON'T MISS: the hot buffet lunch afterwards, plus cake.

SEEN AND HEARD

ENCOURAGING AND EQUIPPING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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

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Here's what you can expect:

- Get tips and ideas from experts in workshops
- Discover great ministry resources in the exhibition
- Be inspired during the main sessions
- Connect with other people doing similar work

The Seen and Heard conference is for anyone who does Christian work with children, including Sunday school, school groups, assemblies and holiday clubs.

£20 per ticket (full ticket price £30), which 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.

Seen and Heard is supported by the following partners: Ps & Gs, Care for the Family, Fischy Music, Scripture Union Scotland, Scottish Bible Society and Urban Saints Scotland.

WHEN: Saturday, 24 September 2016 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

WHERE: St Paul's & St George's Church - York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3JW

BOOKING [here](#).

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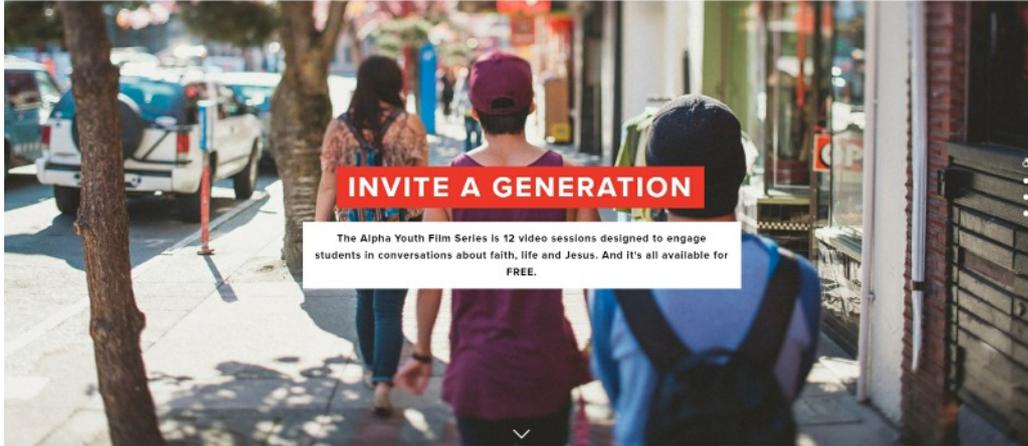
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YOUTH ALPHA

INVITE A GENERATION



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THE ALPHA YOUTH FILM SERIES IS 12 VIDEO SESSIONS DESIGNED TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH, LIFE AND JESUS. AND IT'S ALL AVAILABLE FOR FREE.

The church is a place of invitation for people to come and see who Jesus is. In order to reach our local communities, we need to be the ones reaching out, and Alpha is a proven resource for this. On 1 September 2016, churches across the world will invite their communities to explore life, faith and God through Alpha. This [global Try Alpha campaign](#) will see over 52 countries launching at the

same time, extended over 18 months. There is a campaign video and materials, featuring adventurer Bear Grylls. He has a particular appeal for young people, so why not invite them to Try Alpha too? The [Alpha Youth Film Series](#) is a great resource. The intended audience is 13-18 year olds who are not Christians and/or don't have a relationship with God.

SERIES INCLUDES:

- Twelve 20 minute episodes

- Built-in discussion breaks
- Supporting discussion questions

TOPICS COVERED:

- Who is Jesus?
- How does God guide us?
- How do I pray? and more.

GET THE SERIES FREE:

- Download the entire series for FREE in HD when you [register your course](#).
- Available for purchase on DVD or USB

#TRY ALPHA
#INVITE
AGENERATION



WHAT IS COVERED IN THE ALPHA YOUTH FILM SERIES?

- Life: Is This It?
- Jesus: Who is He?
- Cross: Why Did Jesus Die?
- Faith: How Can I Have Faith?
- Prayer: Why and How Do I Pray?
- Bible: Why and How Do I Read the Bible?
- Follow: How Does God Guide Us Into Full Life?
- Spirit: Who Is the Holy Spirit and What Does He Do?
- Fill: How Can I Be Filled With the Holy Spirit?
- Evil: How Can I Resist Evil?
- Healing: Does God Heal Today?
- Church: What About the Church and Telling Others?

[Source: Alpha Youth Film Series](#)

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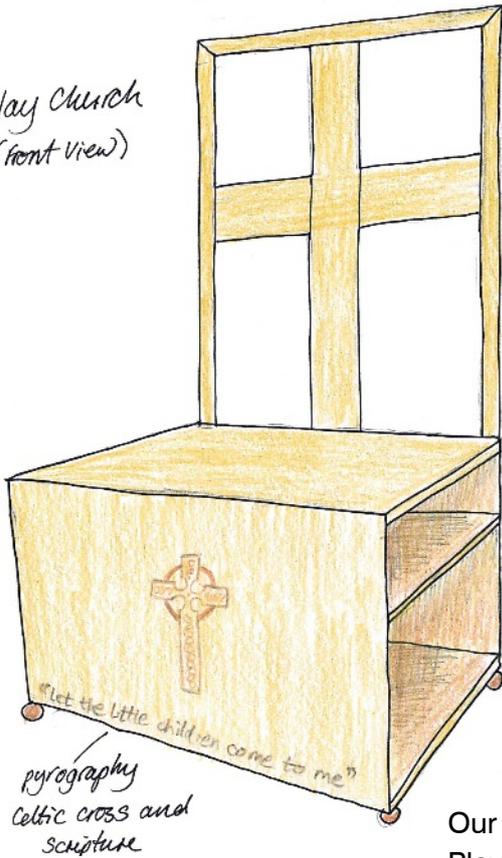
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PLAY CHURCH

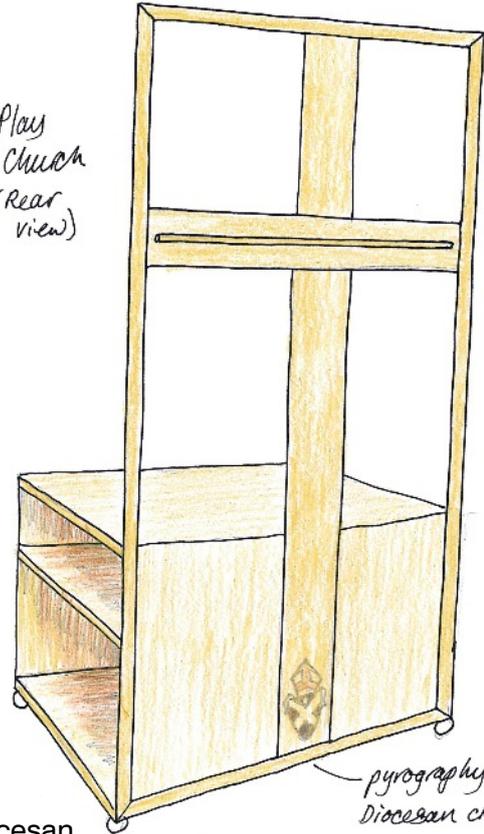
LATEST DESIGNS

Play Church
(front view)



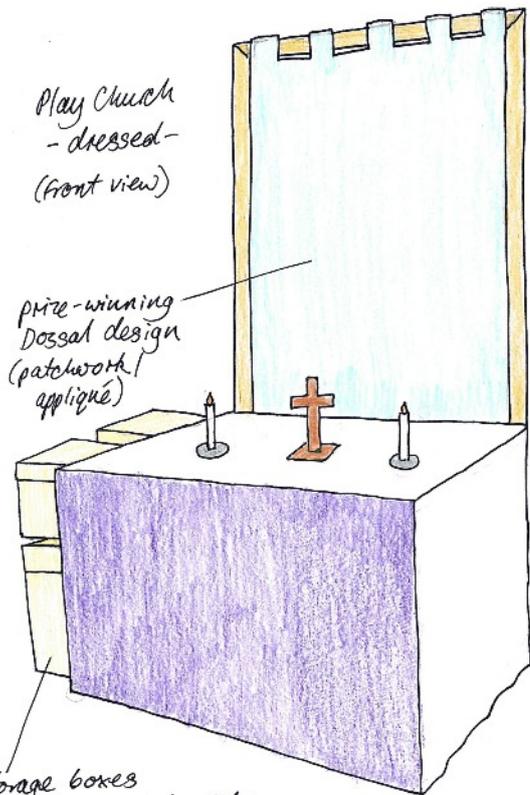
pyrography
Celtic cross and
scripture

Play
Church
(Rear
view)



pyrography
Diocesan crest

Play Church
-dressed-
(front view)

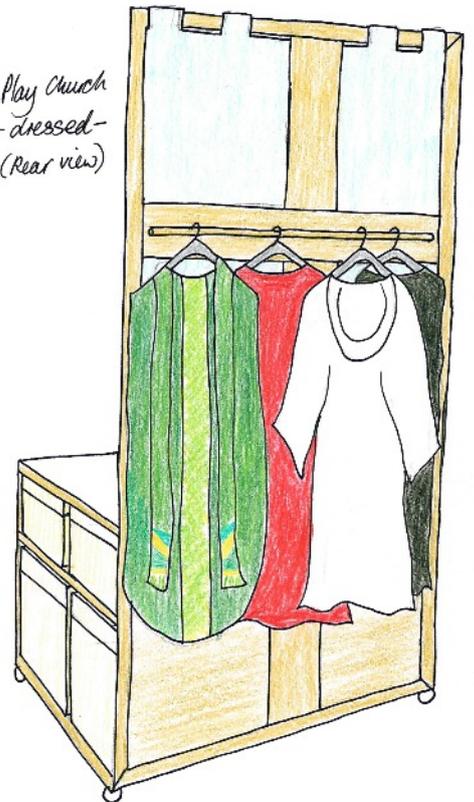


prize-winning
Dossal design
(patchwork/
appliqué)

Storage boxes
accessible from both sides

Our exciting diocesan Play Church project is still in development, and like anything creative it continues to change and grow. These are the latest designs: look out for a full article about Play Church in this summer's edition of The Edge, and see the back page for details of a design competition for children and young people. I hope that the next newsletter will feature the talented woodworkers who will be building Play Church for us! Watch this space...

Play Church
-dressed-
(Rear view)



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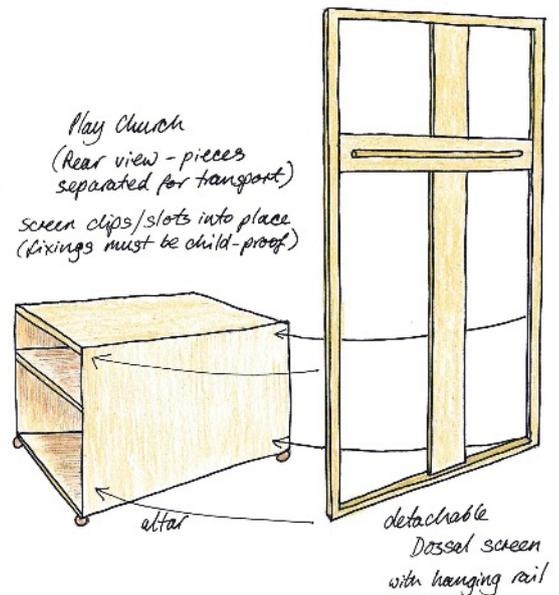
INTERACTIVE



This is one example of how Play Church could be dressed: ideally children themselves would be involved in this process. Imagine stripping the altar with children on Maundy Thursday and leaving it almost bare on Good Friday, before decorating it on Easter Day, perhaps with real flowers and leaves bursting from the cross. Imagine decorating the altar for Pentecost with a new dossal and frontal, or with flame-like fabrics winding up the cross and frame. This would be a wonderful opportunity for children to use their imaginations and engage creatively with worship throughout the church year.

PORTABLE

This Play Church is designed to come apart in two pieces and fit into an average estate car. It will also be straightforward for host churches to construct. This new design is simpler than my original ideas, which included a larger screen and frontal. I had some safety concerns about this larger screen and the risk of it tipping over: this new design of altar plus dossal screen will be simpler and sturdier. I am particularly pleased that the cross is now a fundamental part of our Play Church structure - it has become the cornerstone.



PLAY CHURCH AND DISCIPLESHIP

AN EXCERPT FROM A LONGER ARTICLE IN 'THE EDGE' SUMMER 2016

God continually reaches out to all of us to draw us closer to him, and he uses whatever means he can. Some children will be hit between the eyes by the reality of God through excellent Bible storytelling and teaching in their Sunday School. Some will be drawn closer to him by participating in stirring music, whether as a chorister or as part of a church rock band. Some will have a powerful experience of prayer. For some children, an awareness of God will come through the hands-

on experience of holy things, eaten and drunk in the Eucharist or explored through imaginative play in Play Church. Unfortunately there is no one sure-fire method of making children follow Jesus, and churches continue to do many different, wonderful things to nurture discipleship. Our portable diocesan Play Church will be one more resource which churches may like to try, and many of our congregations and children will welcome it with open arms.

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DIARY DATES

12 June - Glenbombing event at St Mark's Portobello

24 June - Glenalmond booking deadline

24-30 July - Provincial Youth Week at Glenalmond

24 September - *Seen and Heard Children's Ministry Conference* at Ps and Gs, Edinburgh, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

VACANCIES

Children and Families Outreach Worker - Gorgie, Dalry and Stenhouse (Full time) Closing date 24 June.

Family and Youth Development Worker - Wardie Parish Church (Part time, 20 hours per week) Closing date 20 June.

These are both Church of Scotland posts. For details, please contact Yvonne McCorkindale, Edinburgh Presbytery's Network Support Co-ordinator for Children, Youth and Family Workers: yvonne.edinpresbytery@hotmail.co.uk

SUMMER COMPETITION!

DESIGN A
BRILLIANT BANNER
FOR PLAY CHURCH

COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU...
PLAY CHURCH - A CHILD-SIZED CHURCH ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN!
FEATURING DRESSING UP AND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO HELP YOU EXPLORE
HOLY COMMUNION, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND MORE
NOW PLAY CHURCH NEEDS A BEAUTIFUL BANNER TO HANG ABOVE THE ALTAR
CAN YOU HELP?

This is a COMPETITION to design a banner (1m tall x 80cm wide). First prize is an ICE CREAM MAKER! The winning design will be created in fabric as a banner to hang above the Play Church altar. Things to think about when designing:

COLOUR - make it bright and beautiful!

SHAPES - think about Christian symbols and what you want your design to say about welcoming children to church. Google 'church hangings' for ideas but be original!

SIZE - remember that the winning design will be sewn in fabric and will be seen in big church buildings: make it big, bold and not too fiddly!

ENTRIES ON A4
(DESIGN SIZE =
20CM X 16CM)

OPEN TO ANYONE
UNDER 18
CLOSING DATE
1/9/2016

Contact Claire Benton-Evans
youthandchildren@dioceseofedinburgh.org

Here's a great one-off activity to get children involved over the summer months! Inspired by the banners designed by children in Chester cathedral, this is an opportunity for anyone under 18 to get creative and express visually what they would like their Play Church to say to its visitors.

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