

Playtime National Conference September 2019

The Playtime National Conference gives those who work with Toddlers a chance to step back, gather together and dream big for the year ahead.

This year the conference will be in Wigan on Saturday 28 September. The day will include an extensive choice of workshops, including:

The importance of dads in toddler groups

How do we respond effectively to a toddler's difficult behaviour

How to support parents in helping their children nurture a faith that lasts

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/faith-in-the-family/playtime/playtime-conference-2019>

Youth for Christ - Gen Z research findings

'In September 2018, a group of 1000 11-18 year olds were given a long list of questions. Thus the research 'Gen Z: The Digital Generation' was born. They were asked about their perspectives and habits using digital media, specifically, their day-to-day use of social media and YouTube and how they affect them as individuals.'

One of their findings was that YouTube was the most likely activity for a young person to engage with in their spare time, and 86% of young people in the survey watch YouTube on their own. An interesting observation for churches to note. For more about the results of the survey: <https://yfc.co.uk/digitalgeneration/>

The Good News Colouring Book

A free, downloadable Bible colouring book available in 110 languages!

<https://goodnewscoloringbook.org/>



Soul Survivor

Some of you will have already heard that 2019 will be the final year of Soul Survivor. For more information <https://soulsurvivor.com/a-message-from-mike/>



The Resources Hub, our Congregational Federation website that brings together a wide range of resources, including links to material for children and young people's work

<https://www.theresourcehub.co.uk/>



Easter Egg Competition

The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

We have been given some eggs to give away, so if you would like one and are aged under 18, send us an Easter poem by 12th April, giving us your name, age and church. We will choose the winners to receive eggs, and include their poems in next month's InForm.

InForm



Generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4 (The Message)

Pilots

Earlier this year Steeple Bumpstead welcomed their Regional Pilots Officer to their morning service. Sylvia Paine presented Master Mariner Awards to Ruby Steele and Barnaby Grace. These awards are made to Pilots who have completed five annual programmes and have consistently shown helpfulness, enthusiasm, commitment to personal development and respect for others.

Pilots is an ecumenical, non-uniformed organisation open to all children and young people,

<https://urc.org.uk/pilots>

Barnabas Children's Ministry

Barnabas Children's Ministry is one of the core ministries of BRF. As part of this ministry, they provide a growing range of resources for parents, teachers and others who work with children up to the age of 11. There is material for holiday clubs, Sunday School material, ideas for All-Age worship and for training.

<https://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/>