

Leaders Link-up Day

For children and youth leaders, dates for your 2020 diary:

29th February Greenacres, Oldham
7th March Highbury, Cheltenham
14th March Bellshill, Scotland

A time for fellowship, encouragement, information and inspiration, with the theme of Education—What we need to know and how we can support schools. Sessions led by Sara Lane Cawte and Susan Leslie.

Christmas resources from the Bible Society:

Just Hay in the Manger?

This short guide takes you behind the scenes of the nativity play to what we know about the time, place and people who played their part in the true story of the birth of Jesus. Ideal resource as a giveaway at school nativities or advent church services during the Christmas period.

With Love from God to You

Brand new children's story booklet with a fresh retelling of the nativity story focusing on God's heart for all he has made. Created in partnership with HOPE Together.



<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/christmas-gifts-2019/>

Good News Bible birthday

From the Bible Society: 9th October marked a year since the Good News Bible, Youth Edition was released! Over that time we have received lots of positive feedback and stories of how people are interacting with their Bibles. A grandparent said:

'I showed my granddaughter the Bible at CreationFest at Wadebridge, Cornwall. Which she bought with her own money, I hasten to add. She showed her friend. I saw them in their sleeping bags writing in their Bibles. What a wonderful sight that was.'

If your church would like to buy copies for your young people you may like to apply for a mini grant towards the cost, but remember, only one mini grant application per church per calendar year.

<https://www.congregational.org.uk/grants/mini-grants>

Training in mission

The CWM Training in Mission Programme's Diploma in Mission Studies promotes leadership and service to the church and God's mission, by providing opportunity for a group of 18-30 year olds to learn about mission in theory

and in practice through classes, exposure visits, projects and hands-on work in various contexts for 6½ months. For more information

www.congregational.org.uk/opportunities-for-all/training-in-mission

Advance notice: Assembly 2020

The possibility of holding a children's assembly alongside the normal Congregational Federation Assembly has been discussed. This may include games and activities and discussion on relevant topics that would then feed back into the main assembly. There will be 2 groups: children year 1 - year 6 and youth year 7 and above.



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

A message from Samuel James Barlow

Hi 🙋 messaging in from Saudi ArabiasA. Its hard work and hot, very hot 🏠🏠🏠.

I think it was mentioned in a sermon just before I left that five times a day prayer bells sound. When they sound all the Muslims (which is to say most everyone) go for prayer 🙏. At first, I found this incredibly annoying, we are on a tight deadline that has already been adjusted twice and this was slowing down work even further. I then realised this just showed I had my priorities mixed, I was focusing on the wrong thing, completely missing the point

😊😊😊. Their whole day is planned and orchestrated around their god, that's how it should be for us.

Long story short I'm using those prayer bells too now to spend time with MY God ☩🏠.

