



### Pumpkin Heroes

"Pumpkin Heroes is a free pack of Christian resources all designed to help children aged 4-10 in your church, school and family enjoy alternative Halloween activities. This year our theme of Peace and Friendship also lets your children make and send Buddy Bracelets to children where we work, along with Patch's new book, film, crafts and games."

<https://www.worldvision.org.uk/get-involved/pumpkin-heroes/>

### Light Parties

Does your church wonder what to do for children and young people at Halloween? Light Parties are a Christian alternative for Halloween and a great way of reaching out to your community with the good news of Jesus

<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/what-we-donew-initiatives/light-parties-2019>



### Hand in Hand Conference

The 2020 conference will be 7-9 February at our new Eastbourne home - the Kings Centre. It is an opportunity to REFRESH your ministry - main stage sessions, seminars and discussion groups giving you and your team ideas and solutions for refreshing and growing your children's and family ministry.

For more information and to book, visit: <http://www.handinhandconference.com/>



### Europe Region Youth Consultation

**Who?;** For four young adults between the ages of 18 – 30

**When?;** Lunchtime Friday 6th December – lunchtime Friday 8th December.

**Where?;** Shallowford House, Stone, Staffordshire. <https://www.shallowfordhouse.org/>

**Aim:** - Loneliness and mental well being.

The aim of the consultation is to resource and equip young adults to be peer leaders in assisting the church to better understand issues pertaining the mental health and well being of young people.

The weekend will be facilitated by Nathan Jones of the charity 'Talk Through' who will explore the issues alongside other experienced youth workers (being identified as we speak) across a number of sessions over the weekend. For more information contact [yvonne.campbell@congregational.org.uk](mailto:yvonne.campbell@congregational.org.uk)

### SW Midland Family Day,

"The SW Mids Area held a Family day in the first week of the summer holidays. Families met at Highbury in Cheltenham and started the day together with a Praise Party led by the Area Children's and Youth Coordinator Joy Howell - with action songs, stories,

games and a Bible verse with actions. Then we all headed over to Cheltenham Lido - it was a very hot day so it was very busy. We set up an area at the side of the pool; those that wanted to enjoyed a lovely swim and those that didn't want to swim sat and talked and drank coffee etc. After a picnic lunch some began to wind their way home while others stayed at the pool for longer. We had a bout 20 children and 13 adults and all seemed to enjoy the day of fun, fellowship and learning together "

Joy Howell, area Children's and Youth Coordinator



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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)

### Messy Church in Rotorua

On Sunday 8th September as a God-incidence I found myself able to visit the Rotorua Messy Church in St Luke's Anglican church round the corner from my hotel. I was in New Zealand with CWM on the General Secretaries Conference and we had Sunday afternoon as free time. One of my friends is Jane Leadbetter who is a National worker for Messy church and she told me it was on. The amazing thing about Messy church is you can walk in any one and feel at home, feel familiar and I was welcomed so warmly. The theme was God made you amazing, you are God's masterpiece. We painted rocks, we made DNA (From chenille sticks), we made lights and the children had to go round and collect the leaders fingerprints and then look to see if anyone was the same.

Yvonne Campbell, General Secretary.

