

Children and Young People

There will be available material for use with children and young people, following similar themes to the adult course. The Youth and Children's Department at Church House are preparing this for different age ranges.

Training Sessions.

Towards the end of the year, there will be training sessions around the diocese for group leaders, where we shall introduce the group work, and how it might most effectively be used, along with the liturgical material and the proposed Daily Office/Bible Notes.

Questions and Suggestions

We are still working hard at preparing this course. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please contact one of the planning group:-

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Everyday God

Lent 2006 in the Diocese of Wakefield



Why a diocesan Lent Course?

This course, *Everyday God*, has grown out of a request from the Rural Deans that we should put on a diocesan course in Christian discipleship – with the purpose of helping members of our congregations to deepen their Christian faith and life. We hope very much that the course will be used widely in our parishes; and that where the tradition is to have ecumenical Lent courses, our ecumenical partners might be invited to join in as well.

5 Weeks of Group Meetings

The course will consist of material for 5 weeks' meetings, based on the Gospel for the previous Sunday. Each session will have more material than is needed – so that the group leader can choose to select those ideas and activities which are best suited to the group members.

Two travelling speakers

During weeks 2 and 4 of Lent, two guest speakers will travel to four or five different venues around the diocese, and there speak/lead a session which will be an integral part of the course. We hope these sessions might also be available on the Internet.

- Week 2: Angela Ashwin, the much appreciated writer on prayer and spirituality, is going to look at issues of deepening our prayer life
- Week 4: The Revd Dr Gavin Ashenden, Chaplain to Sussex University, where he also lectures in the Psychology of Religion, will help us think about living out our faith day by day.

Liturgical Material

Worship is a vital part of the life of every Christian; and our hope is that Sunday worship will flow over into daily life, sustaining and nourishing us for the whole week. But for this to be the experience of the people in our congregations, we need continually to work at the idea of our churches being the foothills of heaven – places where we expect to encounter the living God.

To help deepen and focus our worship during Lent, the Diocesan Liturgy Group is preparing a selection of liturgical resources for Ash Wednesday, the six Sundays of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Day. This will be drawn from the new material being prepared by the Liturgical Commission.

Daily Office and Bible Reading

We are also preparing a very simple Daily Office for people to use alone or in groups. To accompany this, or stand alone, there will be a series of Bible reading notes, also looking at the subject of Faith and Daily Life. We are very grateful to Margaret Bradnum, Peter Calvert, and Sue Penfold, who have agreed to write these.

Presentation

At the beginning of next year, we shall have available folders containing the study materials, together with the Daily Office and Bible Reading Notes. Ideally, each group member will obtain a folder. We shall have to make a small charge for these to cover our costs.