

At your service ...

Members of the Mission Team are always available to help with any aspect of your church's development. Wherever you are in the cycle of church life we'd be delighted to help or offer advice. We love to come and help in creating a vision environment where we can explore creatively what possibilities lie ahead in your parish or benefice.

The team can offer advice on areas such as

- Creating sustainable children's work
- After school clubs
- Fresh Expressions
- Vision away days
- Project planning
- Back to Church Sunday
- Halloween Choice
- Involving children in all aspects of church life

The team is here to be used so give us a call!

Miles, Rona, Robert & Gillian

To find out more or to book for anything you read about in this leaflet contact us on

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More information is also on our website at
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There are so many ways in which we can be called to be a transforming people in the world. However, we need to be open about being a transformed people. The way we view the world may need transforming so that we can

fully engage with the transformation that God is calling us to. The Bishops' Lent meetings this year take up the theme. *Robert Hill*

Bishops' Lent Meetings

Sundays 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th March

How can we be a transforming people in relation to:

- the environment • poverty
- homelessness • rural life

We will also be looking at how we can purposefully engage with our local authorities.

Preparing for Civil Emergencies

In the event of a major civil emergency the various local authorities in the diocese have structures that may call upon suitably trained ministers to assist victims, the emergency services and their families. If you feel called to such a ministry please contact Social Responsibility Adviser, Robert Hill (as above).

Poverty & Homelessness Action Week

31st January - 9th February

The Week links Homelessness Sunday on 27th January with Poverty Action Sunday on 3rd February. There are over 100 events nationwide. Join in or organise something yourselves!

www.church-poverty.org.uk

Fair Trade Fortnight

23rd February - 8th March www.fairtrade.org.uk

We are only a few parishes short of being a Fair Trade Diocese. Has your parish signed the pledge to serve Fairly Traded tea and coffee? You will find full details on our website at: **www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/social/fairtrade.htm**



Spring Term 2009



Theme for the year:

Transforming the World

Your guide to what's happening from
January - April 2009

Diocese of Peterborough
Bouverie Court, 6 The Lakes
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Children

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STARBURST 09

Saturday 9 May

10am - 4pm (doors open 9.30am)

A day conference for all those who work with children:

- Clergy and licensed ministers
- Children's leaders and workers
- Junior leaders
- Teachers
- Parents, grandparents and godparents

**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**

All Saints Primary School, Northampton NN2 7AJ

Keynote speaker: Lucy Moore (*Messy Church*)

Workshops to include:

- Storytelling • Sacred space for children • Helping children to worship • Using puppets • Godly Play

Also: worship, networking, marketplace, good news mission ideas

Tickets: £10 per person. To book call 01604 887048 or email gillian.spokes@peterborough-diocese.org.uk
Bring your own lunch – hot drinks provided.

Will you make a difference?

Every parish has been sent a copy of the *Will You Make a Difference* DVD with many ideas for working with children, both within the parish and beyond. If you have not yet had a chance to see this excellent material, please ask your priest or churchwarden to lend you their copy. Please encourage your parish or benefice to *Make a Difference* by using the material. I can help you at any stage of this process - just get in touch. Thank you if you are able to support the 2009 Year of the Child campaign in any way. *Rona*

Youth

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Training for Youth Ministry

12 January

Basic First Aid

A practical evening on what you should (and should not) do when first aid is needed for a young person and you are the adult in charge.



11 February

Tweenagers

How to start and run a -group for 7-12 year olds in your church. Led by Ian Macdonald, Youth Officer in the Diocese of Oxford.

3 March

Developing young leaders

Training young people to become leaders of the future. Led by Neil Roseman, Catholic Youth Worker for Discipleship

All sessions will be held at Bouverie Court and will run from 7.30pm - 9.30 pm. Cost £5 per session.

Payment can be made on the day or sent by cheque in advance to 'Enliven' c/o Bouverie Court.

To book:

Call 01844 273337 or email info@nymo.org
More information is at www.nymo.org/enliven

Education Sunday - 8 February

A national day of prayer and celebration for everyone in the world of education and to celebrate the work of schools. More information can be found at:



www.educationsunday.org
www.peterborough-education.org

Mission

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Mission and MAPs

A few things have struck me since arriving in the diocese. The first is that every church is different - which shouldn't be too much of a surprise! But having just left my own parish I often thought that my church was "normal" and everyone



had the same issues and opportunities. The second is that each church has a unique role to play in the Kingdom of God. Our collective cohesion makes the diocese unique in both what it offers the Christian community and the world.

The final observation is that we are all busy, often too busy. I knew this in parish life and it has been reinforced in Bouverie Court. The problem is, are we busy doing the right things? Too much to do, with too few people and limited resources can lead to fuzziness about outcomes. Especially when we wanted to initiate change, the flood of "other things to do" could wash away good and godly intentions.

Many dioceses across the country are using Mission Action Plans (MAPs) as a tool for helping churches remaining focused on the vision God has given them. The simple process involves

- Discerning God's vision for the church's next five years
- Drawing up a yearly plan to see that objective become reality
- Identifying measurable outcomes

Many parishes are now engaged in the processes of MAP-ing. If you'd like to know more please contact me about how to draw a MAP for your church. *Miles*