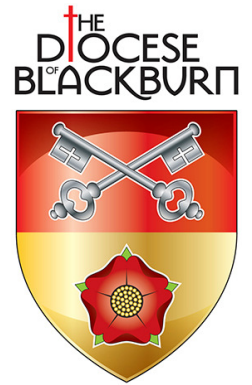


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January 2012



Romans 12 v. 1

Let us keep running in the race that God has planned for us.

Here we are again at the start of a new year! Time to make new plans, get fit, and be better at what we do. This year particularly is one when we will all be thinking about fitness and running races as we approach the 2012 London Olympics. What are you planning for this year? Will it be Messy church sessions, family praise events, holiday clubs or maybe you are thinking about your own personal development and what training you need. Sarah and I, along with the members of the Children's Committee would like to know your plans and how our team may be able to help you and your parish. Please get in touch and let us know.

The first training day this year is on **Saturday 11th February** - 'Running the Race' when we will have workshops to help you to plan Olympic themed events for children's ministry. You can choose to come for the morning or afternoon at the Foxfields Hotel near Blackburn and workshops for 'Messy Olympics, Olympic All-age worship, Olympic crafts, under-five Olympics and Olympic holiday clubs. We will also have lots of resources for you on all things Olympic. *So we think we've covered the Olympics!!!!* Workshop leaders will be Alison Newsham-Messy Church, Lisa Fenton-All-age worship, Veronica Priest-holiday clubs, Janet Taylor-crafts and Sarah Earnshaw-under-fives. We hope to see you there!

We have sent letters to all clergy and PCC secretaries encouraging them to support children's workers who may want to come to the **Children's Work Conference in March at the Headway Hotel**. This may be in the way of financial support or simply by supporting your personal development through arranging to cover or cancel the children's work on the Sunday should you wish to come for the weekend. More information about the weekend can be found inside.

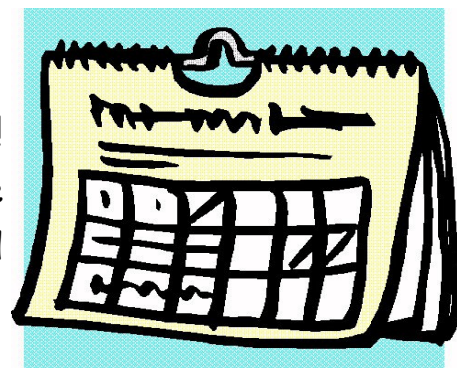
Exciting News!! We have booked **Farmer Parr's** again for a family day at the farm on **Saturday 28th April**. We had such a great day there last year and so many families enjoyed themselves as we thought about Creation, met the animals and shared our picnics.

God bless

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Dates for your diary.

Here is a summary of events planned so far for 2012! Please put the dates in your diary and let other people know about them. You can find further information and booking details inside or see our website.



Saturday 11th February 2012	<p><i>Running the Race</i></p> <p>Equipping Children's Worker's to plan events to celebrate the Olympic Year.</p> <p>@ Mercure Foxfields Country Hotel, Nr Blackburn</p>
Friday 23rd March 2012 - Sunday 25th March 2012	<p><i>Children's Workers Weekend</i></p> <p>For everyone involved in Children's Work in parishes. Guest speaker—Bob Hartman.</p> <p>@ The Headway Hotel, Morecambe</p>
Saturday 28th April 2012	<p><i>Big Day Out at the Farm</i></p> <p>A day for families with young children to celebrate God's creation. Pony rides, animals, tractor rides and worship for all the family.</p> <p>@ Farmer Parrs Animal World, Fleetwood</p>
Friday 18th May 2012 - Sunday 20th May 2012	<p><i>Youth Weekend & Confirmation Camp 2012</i></p> <p>A full on, fantastic, action packed weekend with an Olympic flavour! Enjoy exciting outdoor activities and interactive sessions focusing on the theme of worship.</p> <p>@ Hothersall Lodge Outdoor Education Centre, near Longridge.</p>
Saturday 26th May 2012	<p><i>Pentecost Praise</i></p> <p>Come along for a morning celebration of Pentecost with worship.</p> <p>@ St Wilfrid's Church, Standish 10.30am—11.30am</p>

Running the Race

Equipping your children's ministry for the Olympic Year

Saturday 11th February 2012

9am—12noon

or

1pm—4pm



Mercure Foxfields Country Hotel

Whalley Road, Billington
near Blackburn, Lancashire
BB7 9HY

Cost £10

Coming to London - and the UK - is **the world's premier sporting event** - the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics.

There will be **enormous media coverage** - with 90% of the UK expected to watch the Games on television. Millions, of all ages, will avidly follow every second of the action. This offers your church **a way to impact** the lives of people in **your own community** - children, youth and adults.

Come along for **either** a morning or afternoon of workshops to inspire you to embrace the Olympic theme in your churches ministry this year.

Workshops will cover Messy Church Activities, Crafts, Holiday Club Material, Worship and ideas for working with under 5's.

For bookings, please complete and return the enclosed booking form, together with your payment to Sarah Earnshaw, BDBE, Church House, Cathedral Close, Blackburn. BB1 5AA as soon as possible.

Enquiries, please contact Susan or Sarah on 01254 503070 ext 218 or email children@blackburn.anglican.org



Children's Work Conference
The Headway Hotel,
Morecambe

Friday 23rd March 2012—
Sunday 25th March 2012

Book Now!

There are still residential and non-residential places left on the Conference for children's workers, in Morecambe next year.

We are very fortunate to have Bob Hartman as our guest speaker.

He will share with us some of his fabulous stories and storytelling techniques. We will also have a programme full of new ideas, resources and teaching ideas as well as opportunity to enjoy entertainment and social time in the evenings.

Friday—Sunday - £125.00pp *

Saturday day delegate (lunch only) - £20.00pp

Saturday day delegate (lunch & evening meal) - £25.00pp

More details are on the enclosed flyer so if you can, please book with us as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated.

- **COME as a group.**
- **Tell the local teachers at school- they will have heard of Bob Hartman and his stories.**
- **Bring your young leaders.**
- **Tell your vicar- maybe the parish will support you with some of the cost.**

Don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

* Rooms are allocated on a first come, first served basis, therefore there may be a small room supplement payable for single occupancy in a twin or double room.

Big Day Out at the Farm

Saturday 28th April 2012

10.15am—2.30pm



Farmer Parrs Animal World, Rossall Lane, Fleetwood. FY7 8JP

Cost £4.00 per person (under 2's free)

Following the success of last years event, we are pleased to announce the date for this year's 'Big Day out at the Farm' for families with young children, which will be on Saturday 28th April. We hope to have another fantastic and fun day out where we can get together to celebrate God's creation. The cost of the day includes the hands-on animal show which went down a storm last year, and makes the day great value for money.

The farm is well equipped to cater for families with small children and offers a variety of animals, a museum, small play area and there are also tractor rides (£1), pony rides (£2) and pottery painting (from £3) .

Booking forms (enclosed) to be returned for the attention of Sarah Earnshaw at Church House. As this is likely to be a popular event, we would encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.



Eastbourne

Friday 3rd February 2012

To

Sunday 5th February 2012

There will be over fifty organisations and ministries supporting the 2012 Hand-in-Hand conference, wanting to help train you and your team and resource your children's and family ministries.

From 4pm on Friday 3rd February to 3pm on Sunday 5th February you'll find seminars, workshops, ministry showcases, exhibiting organisations and resources that are helpful to you. There will also be time to worship, pray and study the Bible together - sending you home resourced, refreshed and reinvigorated for your work with children and families.

For further information, or to book visit www.familyministry.co.uk

Core Skills



The core skills training for Children's Workers is run over 6 weeks, covering 6 units which look at all aspects of children's work in today's church.

The 6 topics cover children and how they learn, children's programmes, children and community, children and the bible, children and worship and leading children.

A course will run at St John's CE Primary School, Maudsley Street, Accrington, BB5 6AD on:

Monday 20th February

Monday 27th February

Monday 5th March

Monday 12th March

Monday 19th March

Monday 26th March

All sessions start at 7.30pm

If you would like any further information about the course, please contact Sarah Earnshaw on 01254 503070 Ext 218.

We are hoping to run future Core Skills courses from **Scotforth and Preesall** later in the year. Dates haven't yet been confirmed so please contact us if you would like to attend either of these courses so we can keep you posted.

If you would be interested in hosting a core skills course at your church, please e-mail children@blackburn.anglican.org

Education Sunday—5th February 2012

Blackburn Cathedral at 6.30 pm



In this Olympic year we will be focusing on "running the race", not to win a gold medal but instead to win a far greater prize - "to soar on wings like eagles" and spread the good news of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

The service will be led by children and young people from across the Diocese with members of the Blackburn Diocesan Board of Education team.

Resources Road Shows



Don't forget you can see just a small selection of our loan books at any of our Resources Road shows.

As well as borrowing from our library—and returning borrowed books—you can also browse and buy from our selection of Christian Resources which includes posters, stickers and games.

The dates and venues for the next Road shows are:

Dates	Deanery	Venue
January		
24 th	Burnley	Briercliffe St James, Church Street, BB10 2HU
25 th	Tunstall	Warton St Oswald, Main St, LA5 9PG
February		
21 st	Poulton/Garstang	Garstang St Thomas, Church St, PR3 1PA
29 th	Lancaster	Morecambe St Barnabas, Regent Rd., LA3 1BW
March		
6 th	Kirkham	Wesham Christ Church, Garstang Rd North, PR4 3AP
7 th	Accrington	Huncoat St Augustine Bolton Ave, BB5 6HY

All Road Shows are held between 6pm and 8pm

Resource Room Opening Times

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-1.30pm and 2.30pm-5pm

The Resource Room will also be open on the following Saturdays between 9am and 1pm.

7th, 14th & 21st January

25th February

9th & 23rd March

Contact Debbie at Simply Resources on 01254 503070 extn 262

Don't forget that you can also view and buy resources on our website: www.bdeducation.org.uk



Youth Weekend & Confirmation Camp

Friday 18th to Sunday 20th May
2012

Following the brilliant time we had at last year's Youth Weekend and Confirmation Camp, we have booked this year's weekend which will be at Hothersall Lodge Outdoor

Education Centre, near Longridge. The weekend camp will be a place for young people to come and have fun, be challenged, enjoy spending time with others from their church, make new friends, grow in their understanding of who God is and have opportunities to worship, pray and encounter Jesus.

If you have young people in school years 6-9 who are preparing for confirmation, or have recently been confirmed or who would benefit from a weekend away, please return the enclosed booking form as soon as possible.

The weekend has limited places so we would encourage you to book soon to avoid disappointment.

For enquiries, please contact Craig or Susan on 01254 503070 ext 221/222 or email youth@blackburn.anglican.org or children@blackburn.anglican.org

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