



2. Off the Page!

If you're looking for useful resources to enhance your work and ministry with young people then read on!

Sunday by Sunday

Do you have anything in place for that time when someone gets too old for Sunday School? Even after a young person has been confirmed they still need support and nurture. Here are some resources to help with that process. **Café Logos** by Pete Townsend (Kevin Mayhew, 1999) offers ideas for every Sunday of the Church's year, based on the Common Worship Lectionary Year B. **Living Water** by Susan Sayers and Father Andrew Moore (Kevin Mayhew, 2000) is a creative resource for the Liturgy, with ideas for all ages, from the young to the old. **Living Stones** is another all age resource from Susan Sayers based on the Common Lectionary, Years A, B and C. Within this series is a resource called *Boulders* (for 11–14yr olds) (Kevin Mayhew, 1997, 2000).

Roots is a more recent addition which comes in magazine format. It's an ecumenical resource based on the Revised Common Lectionary with ideas for children and young people. It's available by subscription and there is also an accompanying web site, for which you will be given a password.

Seasonal Material

Two resources by Pete Townsend give an example of seasonal material. **Touch Wood** is a resource exploring the words of Jesus on the cross (Kevin Mayhew, 2000) and **Stepping Out** is a Lent Resource (Kevin Mayhew, 2001).

Youth Group Material

There are resources from various organisations to help set up and run your youth group programme. There is, of course, the **Diocese of Llandaff's e2** initiative, which provides a 150-page resource of dramas, icebreakers, discussion starters, dramas and prayers, along with a free monthly meeting plan. Other examples, include *Youth for Christ's Rock Solid* for 11 - 14 yr olds and **RS2** is an example. **Youthwork Magazine** has recently produced a series of book resources on a variety of topics (edited by Danny Brierley and John Buckeridge). A few which are useful for meeting plans include **Music to Move the Soul** (Steve and Ruth Adams) – a book that uses music tracks to explore various issues. **Just Add water** (by Jenny Baker) provides complete meeting plans on a variety of topics from Friendship to Fear!

Inspire: fresh ideas for creative youth work is a great little resource which offers a wide range of advice and ideas on working with young people. Written by Nigel Pimlott, Jo Pimlott and David Wiles, it's published by *Scripture Union* and comes with a free CD Rom (£14.99). There are numerous things like **So What?** a thought provoking resource for young people by Susan Hardwick or **Reality Bytes Back** which are *Bible character Studies for young people* by Julia Hamilton (Kevin Mayhew 2001). **Celebrations for Young People** is a collection of *fully worked out services with readings, prayers, activity, ideas and music* by Katie Thompson (Kevin Mayhew, 2001). Or, if you're over busy books like **Last Minute Meetings**

by Todd Outcalt (Abingdon Press, 2001). It's an American book and is the type of thing to pick it up as you leave the house or in an emergency! I'm not sure if the following two resources are still available and they may be a bit dated but they are still quite useful: Bob Moffett's **Power Pack 1 and 2** (Scripture Union 1986) and **Big Ideas for Small Youth Groups** by Patrick Angier and Nick Aiken (Marshall Pickering, 1992). **After Hours** by Rob Hurd provides 30 sessions for out of school clubs for 9-14 year olds (Kevin Mayhew, 2003)

Youthwork Magazine is an invaluable resource available monthly by subscription. It contains news, reviews, articles, up to date resources, including a pull out plan with ideas, activities, dramas and discussion starters. There's also an excellent American resource, if you can get your hands on it, called **Hands on Ideas For Ministry with Young Teens** by Maryann Hakowski and Joyce Schoettler Jennings (Saint Mary's Press, 2001). It has all sorts of creative ideas in all sorts of areas. Altogether there are SIX other books in the series: Community-Building Ideas, Family Ideas, Holiday and Seasonal Ideas, Justice and Service Ideas, Prayer Ideas and Retreat Ideas.

Games

Games can be used simply for fun, as ice-breakers or as an aid to teaching. Some examples are **Theme Games** by Lesley Pinchbeck (Scripture Union, 1993, £4.95) and **Over 300 Games for all Occasions** by Patrick Goodland (Scripture Union 1998).

Other Activities and Games Books from Russell House Publishing who have lots of resources for Youth, Community and Social Work. One such extensive resource is called *The New Youth Games Book* by Alan Dearling and Howard

Armstrong. Check out their online catalogue at www.rusellhouse.co.uk

Confirmation Preparation / Nurture

Lots of parishes seem to put together their own Confirmation material, which can be good - if it's good! But there are resources out there if you look for them! The following two resources could certainly be used for such a purpose: **Alpha for Youth** (Alpha International 2002, £9.95). This consists of a Leader's book with free CD room and a magazine style booklet for young people, to be used alongside the other Alpha core material. **Youth Emmaus** which was published in January 2003 helps young people aged between 11 and 16 to get to grips with the basics of the Christian faith (Church House Publishing, 2003) At £19.95 it includes a free CD Rom and is a 14 week course. And has much more basic 'Church' teaching and perhaps more relevant for Confirmation preparation than the Alpha Course. **Faith Confirmed: Preparing for Confirmation** by Peter Jackson and Christ Wright (SPCK 1999) is a colourful resource, giving solid Church teaching from a wide perspective. You could give it to candidates before or after confirmation preparation, work with them through it, or just have a copy for yourself as a teaching aid.

There are also a few good Roman Catholic Publications. For example, **Welcome the Spirit: A Catechist's Confirmation Handbook** (Geoffrey Chapman, 1993, 200, £17.99). **We Celebrate Confirmation** by William J. Koplik and Joan E. Brady is an American Resource with catechists guide and Candidates Book (ISBN 0-382-00652-6). Finally, the **Survival Guide to Confirmation** by Stephen Gomez (St Paul's 1993) is dubbed as a *contemporary programme for the preparation of Catholic candidates for Confirmation* and contains both a Catechist's and Candidates guide.

Enjoying Mass: A Resource for teachers and catechists by Joan Brown (Kevin Mayhew, 2002) may also provide to be a useful tool for those wanting to have an insight into celebrating the Eucharist with children and young people

A more extensive list of Confirmation Preparation material and ideas will be found on a separate Resource Sheet, which includes resources for the young people themselves.

School Assemblies

Off the Shelf Assemblies: 101 Acts of worship for secondary Schools by W.E. Beals (Kevin Mayhew, 2002 £19.99). **A-Z of assemblies: 26 ready to use assemblies for 9 -13 year olds** by Caroline Vallance (Kevin Mayhew, 2001 £8.99). **The Complete Assembly Resource Book** by Mike Anderson, Martin Grace and Paul Heesome (Kevin Mayhew 2001) (£22.99). **The Assembly Rescue Service – All the help you need** by Rob Hurd (Kevin Mayhew, 2003 £12.99) contains General Assemblies as well as special events such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

On a theoretical note, **Collective Worship – Issues and Opportunities** (SPCK, 2004) by Richard Cheetham is a useful book for those who wish to explore the historical development and all the issues involved in Collective Worship in Schools.

Prayer and Worship

Useful for school assemblies is the work produced by David Gatward who writes prayers on all kinds of topics from zits and sex to friendship and faith, in a language and way that is relevant for teenagers. Examples include **Looking out the Window, Can we Talk Lord** and **It's me again Lord** (all published by Kevin Mayhew). They are

ideal for the youth worker and to put into the hands of teenagers who want to pray!

To explore aspects of Contemplative Prayer with young people get a copy of **Tune in, Chill out** (Christian Education Publications, 2004) by Jenny Baker and Moya Ratnayake. Worship Resources that are not written specifically for young people but are none the less useful are things like **Present on Earth** (Wild Goose Publications, 2002) which is a collection of *Worship resources on the life of Jesus*. And, if you're feeling a bit creative then **Alternative Worship** by Jenny Baker and Doug Gay draws on the experiences of a number of people who have been involved in the so called 'alternative worship' scene. With an interactive CD Rom it's published by SPCK at £15.99. In this vein is a similar book called **The Prodigal Project** by Mike Riddell, Mark Pierson and Cathy Kirkpatrick (SPCK, 2000)

The 24-7 Prayer Movement in the Church is given an overview in the **24-7 Prayer Manual** (Kingsway, 2003). Like many similar books, there may be some ideas to stimulate and provoke even if the whole thing's not for you!

Drama

Drama is always a good thing to use in youth work and there are so many youth resources available now that use drama. **Jesus and Peter** by John L. Bell and Graham Maule (Wild Goose Publications, 1999, £9.99) is a simple, easy to use, thought provoking drama that can be used with little or no rehearsal. **Conversations on the way: All age dramas on Bible themes** by Tim Storey (Kevin Mayhew, 2001)

Again, another easy to use drama resource. **Acts for Apostles** and **Drama for Disciples** are dramatic sketches for family services and youth groups by Derek Haylock (CHP, 1987, 1988).

He's also published a few other books, too. **Acting Up** and a **Fistful of Sketches** by Dave Hopwood (CHP) is another useful resource. **Jesus is for Life not just for Christmas** by Ray Jackson (Kevin Mayhew, 1997, £9.99). **52 Quick Sketches** by Paul McCusker (Monarch Books, £5.99) is a collection of short, sharp dramas that only take a minute.

Youth Bibles

There is quite an increase in the number of different 'Youth Bibles' on the market, which are colourfully designed and presented. Check them out at your local religious bookshop. Rob Lacey's **Street Bible** (Zondervan, 2003 £8.99) isn't Scripture but it does enable young people to get into the meaning behind the words.

Help for Youth Workers

Some of the principles behind doing youth work are available in such publications as **What Every Volunteer Youth Worker Should Know** by Danny Brierley, which is also a Leaders Course. And also we are beginning to see lots of books on the theory and theology behind work with young people. The Youthwork series of books including titles such as **Express Community** and **Essential Youth** are a good example of this, as well as Lindsay Urwin and Pete Ward's **A Youthful Spirit** (Tufton Books, 1998). There are also several books that deal with success stories to inspire us and from which we can learn and pick up ideas.

Note

This kind of Resource Sheet will go 'out of date' very quickly as new titles are constantly published, and prices and availability changed. However, I hope it gives some indication of what's available and where to find it! Many of the publishers such as Kevin Mayhew, SPCK and Scripture Union will

have catalogues available listing up to date titles of youth work resource books. So, why not request one?

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