

## CHILDREN'S ADVISER MAILING FEB2018

*Below and attached are several event invitations and opportunities. If you are the contact who receives this email I'd be really grateful if you could pass it on to others who might be interested. Thanks.*

The events are:

1. **AROUND EASTER** – helping children to learn and celebrate – 5.3.18 St Barnabas, Danesmoor. Details below and attached.
2. **TODDLER ROADSHOW** – 13.3.18 Draycott, Derby Details below and attached. (More of these events are planned around the Deaneries so don't worry if this is too far for you.)
3. **AURORA** – Would you or a leader you know be interested in this certificated course next year? Details below. Please let us know if you are – this isn't a firm commitment yet!
4. **PANCAKES** – Christian Aid have produced a great resource to use on Shrove Tuesday, Have a look!

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2017-02/j17053-shrove-tuesday-family-fundraising-resource.pdf>

If you are available on a Monday afternoon, why not book for Easter Events Training?

### **AROUND EASTER - HELPING CHILDREN TO LEARN AND CELEBRATE**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 1.00-3.00pm

St Barnabas Church, Pilsley Rd, Danesmoor, Clay Cross S45 9DU

A chance for those who lead and help with children's groups at church or school to explore ways of celebrating the events around Easter.

We will start with Mothering Sunday, then move to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lots of ideas to help the children you work with engage with these events.

This will be a practical course so that you can try out some ideas yourself.

The course is FREE and you can book online at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/around-easter-helping-children-to-learn-and-celebrate-tickets-42669612961>

Or contact Sarah at [Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org)

(A leaflet is attached so please encourage others to come!)

If you are involved with a Toddler Group, what about joining us for our FREE TODDLER ROADSHOW?

13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 11.30AM – 1.30PM

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, DRAYCOTT, VICTORIA ROAD, DRAYCOTT, DERBY DE72

- Coffee and chat with space for Toddlers to play
- Information about support and resources.

- Keeping everyone safe – quiz and discussion
- Resources for craft and storytelling
- Building links with the church – what helps?

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toddler-roadshow-tickets-42459541632>

For more details contact Sarah Brown [Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org)  
01332 388660 or 07425 132717. **PLEASE SIGN UP BY 5.3.18**

### **AURORA CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRAINING**

<https://www.auroratraining.org.uk/derby/children>

For the past two years this course has been run in Derby Diocese with the training happening mostly in Chesterfield. (the three Saturday training days are at Cliff College in Calver) We are now looking to use a different venue, probably in the Derby area. It would be very helpful to know of anyone who is considering applying for the course 2018-19. Obviously, this does not represent a firm commitment at the moment. There is a cost of around £250 for the course, but we have access to grants which can help with this. This is a course which enables those who work with children in churches or Christian clubs to develop a wide area of skills and knowledge. Please consider whether you or any of the people you work with could benefit from Aurora. Please contact me, [Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org) or Jenny Whittaker [Jenny@valleykids.co.uk](mailto:Jenny@valleykids.co.uk) if you are interested, and whether you would be happy to do the training in Derby. **A REPLY BY 14.02.18 WOULD HELP US WITH MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S VENUE. THANKS.**

### **A FEW WORDS ABOUT AURORA...**

Aurora children is for anyone aged 16+ working with children in church, community or school. A child-centred course, suitable for those just beginning to work with children and for those who have done so for many years. Through input, guided reading, sharing, activities and reflection on your own practice, you will be empowered to find a fresh focus.

It is designed for people who could commit to eight Tuesday evening sessions plus three Saturdays with time for private study. Students can choose to work towards the Cliff College Certificate in Children's Ministry by submitting six assignments throughout the year, or by simply compiling a portfolio of evidence and receive the Aurora Certificate in Children's Ministry.