

Course Leadership:

The course will be led by Julia Chamberlin, the Diocesan Children's Work Adviser. Julia has had wide experience of working with children, both within the church and as a Primary School teacher. Julia has four children of her own and a young grand-daughter. As a clergy wife Julia has worked alongside her husband in both rural and suburban parishes in Kent, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire, and is part of the leadership team at All Saints, Milton.

Julia is looking forward to leading the course, having experienced it as a participant in Norfolk recently, where Core Skills has been offered since 2008. Feedback from the participants was very encouraging. All of them, whether experienced or new to children's ministry, found their confidence and enthusiasm boosted.

The course is most beneficial when attended as a whole, although the modules stand alone, but connect. The course is creative, interactive and highly accessible.

Course Participation:

The Introductory Session will be sent to you with the booking confirmation. This is to do with other people in your own church, if you wish. It will encourage reflection on your present work and help you identify possible needs and issues. It provides a good springboard for the course.

If you are working alone or don't yet have any children in church, you could ask another church member or clergy person to share it with you.

If you work with children you will probably be familiar with some of the content, but we hope you will enjoy exploring it in a new way in this course, and make your own contribution to the group's learning.

To find out more:

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Core Skills



Two courses for the Autumn 2009

The Cathedral Centre, Ely

Mondays, fortnightly from

September 7th–November 16th

Sessions 7.30pm–9.30pm

Or Core Skills in 2 days at

St Mary's Church Hall,

Chadley Lane, Godmanchester

Saturday 3rd & 10th October

9.30am–4pm

For everyone who works, or hopes to work, with children in church.

An exciting new inter-denominational training course.

Core Skills is the course for you!

Core Skills will give you the confidence, understanding and the skills you need to work with children and to nurture them in their faith, whether you are experienced, new to children's work or hoping to start. It will inspire and refresh you and the work you do.

Attending the whole course brings the most benefit, but individual modules can be booked. **Those booking for the whole course receive a free course book.** All participants are encouraged to do an introductory session with co-workers, colleagues or another church member. This will help you reflect on current work, and consider issues and needs.

A = The Cathedral Centre, Ely B = St Mary's Church Hall, Godmanchester

Module 1 A— Mon Sept 7th B — Sat 3rd Oct Child Development

- Children's physical, emotional, intellectual, social, moral & spiritual development.
- Learning styles & approaches
- How personal faith experience affects ways of working.

Module 2 A— Mon 21st Sept B — Sat 3rd Oct Leadership Skills

- Evaluate current skills & identify possibilities for personal development
- Recognise the need to feel valued, equipped & supported
- Develop the skills & habit of reflecting on work with children

Module 3 A— Mon 5th Oct B — Sat 3rd Oct Programme Planning

- Understand how learning styles are influenced by society & culture
- Working creatively using a variety of learning styles
- Planning original sessions, delivering published programmes, evaluating sessions

Module 4 A— Mon 19th Oct B — Sat 10th Oct Children & Community

- Reflect on stories from different contexts and distil principles of good practice
- Develop strategies for developing new areas of work in a variety of contexts
- Explore what it means to be 'church' & children's active participation

Module 5 A— Mon 2nd Nov B — Sat 10th Oct Pastoral Awareness

- Share insights on pastoral issues
- Explore how power is used in working with children
- Providing a safe environment

Module 6 A— Mon 16th Nov B — Sat 10th Oct Spirituality & the Bible

- Explore spirituality and its relationship with faith
- Understand the ways in which the Bible can enrich prayer and spiritual activities
- Experience spiritual reflection & develop an awareness of different style of prayer

CORE SKILLS BOOKING FORM

Numbers are limited- please book **Course A** by Friday 28th August 2009

Course B by Wednesday 23rd September 2009 to avoid disappointment.

The course follows the areas of expertise set out by DfES in the Common Core of Skills & Knowledge for the Children's Workforce.

Cost: £20 for the complete course (inc course book)
£5 per module (does not include course book)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Phone: Email:

Church:

I am currently working with children Yes No

Please choose your course options A Ely or B Godmanchester circle venue

Full course (inc Course Book) £20.00

Or choose individual Modules—Course Book not included

Module 1: Child Development £5.00

Module 2: Leadership Skills £5.00

Module 3: Programme Planning £5.00

Module 4: Children & Community £5.00

Module 5: Pastoral Awareness £5.00

Module 6: Spirituality & the Bible £5.00

Total Costs

Make your cheque payable to 'Ely DBF' and send with booking form to Ros Wright, Resources Centre, Diocesan Office, Bishop Woodford House, Barton Rd, Ely, CB7 4DX