

ACT 35TH ANNIVERSARY

ACT news and reports

A 'Quiet Day' in Suffolk

Lucy Moore led a *Barnabas* Quiet Day in partnership with ACT at St John's Old Vicarage in Woodbridge on Saturday 25 March 2005. The day was hosted by Lyn Spall, ACT Local Contact for Ipswich.

The 17 participants were invited to step back from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and rest on God's Word. Three well-known Bible stories were told using figures and props. In response to each story we were invited to ask our own 'wondering questions'.

In the story of Samuel we wondered why God called upon a child to speak His truth to an adult in authority. We wondered if there are times when God uses the children we teach to speak to us. We wondered how Samuel made sure none of God's words fell to the ground.



We pondered which of the characters in the parable of The Prodigal Son we identified with most, and why. We wondered about the significance of relationships, choices, words and actions.

When we heard that Jesus had used a child's packed lunch to feed five thousand people we wondered whether this miracle is also a parable. We wondered what the child told his friends the next day and what the disciples felt as they collected up the leftovers.

Each time of story-telling and wondering flowed into a time of quiet meditation. The day closed with a short time of sharing and worship.

Christian approaches to challenging behaviour

On Saturday 25 February 2006, 16 people attended 'Christian approaches to classroom management and challenging behaviour' at Llan Retreat House.

The event was hosted by Cathryn Hodges, ACT Local Contact for Shropshire. On Saturday 18 March 2006, 11 people attended a similar event at All Saints Church in Dagnall, hosted by Dunstable ACT Group.

Rupert Kaye's multi-media workshop – applicable to lunchtime supervisors, teaching assistants, teachers and headteachers working anywhere in the 3–19 age-range – is designed to help Christian staff to think and talk about managing pupil behaviour more 'Christianly'.

Those present were invited to reflect on their own experiences as they considered: What role does prayer play in the transformation of hearts, minds, attitudes and actions? How can we bring healing and wholeness to damaged lives? How can we create classroom environments characterised by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control and a positive attitude towards learning?

Helping 3–11 year olds to understand Easter

Five people attended 'Preparing for Lent and Easter in the Primary School' at Woodgreen Evangelical Church. The event was led by Rupert Kaye and hosted by Mike Sledge, ACT Local Contact for Worcester.

The day included three activity-based sessions – each full of practical tips and useful suggestions. The first was a storytelling workshop based around The Last Supper.

The second focused on using drama and involved producing a series of mimes to accompany a dramatic reading of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

The final workshop was about bringing school collective worship times 'alive' by including times of quiet and reflection, as well as movement and interactivity.

ACT Saturday events

Cost: £7.50 for all members of ACT, ACT Scotland, ACTW, NIACT or TISCA. £12.50 for everyone else.

The course fee includes lunch, afternoon tea, other refreshments and all course materials.

Booking: Please photocopy and complete the booking form at the bottom of this page and post it to the ACT office, attaching a cheque payable to 'ACT', by the closing date indicated. Please use a separate form for each event you wish to book a place on.

Time: All of the Saturday events listed here start at 10.30am and finish at 3.30pm.

Saturday 6 May 2006

Hosted by Brentwood ACT Group

Christian approaches to classroom management and challenging behaviour

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Sawyers Church, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BN

Closing date for bookings: 27 April 2006

Saturday 13 May 2006

Hosted by Havering ACT Group

Christian perspectives on learning and teaching

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Romford Baptist Church, Main Road, Romford, Essex, RM1 3BL

Closing date for bookings: 3 May 2006

Saturday 20 May 2006

Hosted by Tyne & Wear ACT Group

Christian perspectives on learning and teaching

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Church House, St John's Terrace, North Shields, Tyne & Wear, NE29 6HS

Closing date for bookings: 10 May 2006

Saturday 24 June 2006

Hosted by Rochester ACT Group

Take a break: a quiet day for Christians working in education

Led by: Martyn Payne (*Barnabas*)

At: Hartlip Methodist Church, The Street, Hartlip, Nr Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7TG

Closing date for bookings: 14 June 2006

Saturday 21 October 2006

Hosted by South Bucks ACT Group

Christian approaches to classroom management and challenging behaviour

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: King's Church Amersham, Chapel Yard, High Street, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 0DJ

Closing date for bookings: 11 October 2006

Saturday 28 October 2006

Hosted by Reading ACT Group

The Christian teacher: making a difference (being a Christian witness in school)

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Earley Christian Fellowship, 153 Wokingham Road, Reading, RG6 1LP

Closing date for bookings: 18 October 2006

Saturday 11 November 2006

Hosted by Preston/West Lancs ACT Group

Take a break: a quiet day for Christians working in education

Led by: Alison Harris (*Barnabas*)

At: Winmarleigh C of E Primary School, Church Lane, Winmarleigh, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 OLA

Closing date for bookings: 1 November 2006

Saturday 9 December 2006

Hosted by Tyne & Wear ACT Group

Christian approaches to classroom management and challenging behaviour

Led by: Rupert Kaye (ACT)

At: Venue tbc

Closing date for bookings: 29 November 2006

BOOKING FORM

Please return this booking form to ACT, 94a London Road, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1NX no later than ten days prior to the date of the event.

Please note: we need to know by this date in order to confirm the catering arrangements. Bookings cancelled seven days or less prior to the event will not be refunded.

I wish to book a place on the following Saturday event:

Date of event: _____

Hosting ACT Group: _____

I am a member of:

ACT ACT Scotland ACTW NIACT TISCA

I enclose a cheque (made payable to 'ACT') for:

£7.50 or £12.50

Please tick as appropriate

Name: _____ Please print

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Tel: _____

Email: _____

I work at: _____ School / College name

My dietary (or other) requirements:

vegetarian vegan gluten free

other: _____

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