

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 has led many Core Skills courses across the diocese, with over 150 participants taking part, and whether experienced or new to children's ministry, each found their confidence and enthusiasm boosted. It is ecumenical, nationally recognised and comes highly recommended.

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, with no written work required.

Course Participation:

Introductory materials will be sent to you with the booking confirmation. These can be completed with other people in your own church, if you wish. It will encourage reflection on your present work and help you to identify possible needs and issues, while also providing 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 please contact:

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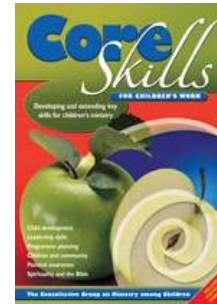
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Two courses for Spring 2012 in
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Six enjoyable sessions to develop and extend
key skills for children's ministry.

At

St Mary Magdalene Church Hall, Church Road,
Brampton, Huntingdon, PE28 4PF

From Tuesday January 24—March 6
(on Wed 15/2 & not Shrove Tues)
7.45pm—9.45pm

or at

St Augustine's Church, St Augustines Road,
Wisbech, PE13 3AH

Weekly from Thursday February 23
Until Thursday March 29 7.30pm—9.30pm

*An ecumenical course for everyone who works, or hopes to
work, with
children in church.*

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 the introductory material with co-workers, colleagues or another church member. This will help you reflect on current work, and consider issues and needs.

A = St Mary Magdalene, Brampton B = St Augustine's, Wisbech

Module 1 A. Tue Jan 24th B. Thurs Feb 23rd 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. Tue Jan 31st B. Thurs March 1st 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. Tue Feb 7th B. Thurs March 8th 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. Wed Feb 15th B. Thurs March 15th 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. Tue Feb 28th B. Thurs March 22nd Pastoral Awareness

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

Module 6 A. Tue March 6th B. March 29th 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 so please try to ensure bookings arrive a week before the course begins 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: £25 for the complete course (inc course book)
£5 per module (does not include course book)

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Total cost:

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