

More Up-coming Workshops

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 am - noon, Trinity Church, Sussex

Video - Angels in the Making on Faith Development, Learning styles and ways to use them in teaching, creativity in teaching.

Saturday, May 10, 9:30 - noon and 1 - 3 pm, St Mary and St Bartholomew, Westmorland Rd, Saint John.

Teaching about the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, a time for discussion - who's doing what, music for Sunday School, children in worship and an instructed eucharist.

Anglican Church School Awards

The Christian Education Committee has designed an award for anyone involved in our Church Schools - teachers, students, even parents! The award is a zipper pull/lunch box or back-pack attachment made in pewter in the shape of the stylized Christian fish. The words NB Anglican Church School are engraved on both sides. The fish is 1 inch long and the attachment part is 5/8 inch. These will be available from Anglican House from mid April at \$2 each including tax, if ordered by April 30. Later orders may be a little more. They would make great end-of-year gifts.



Open House at Anglican House

Thursday, May 8, 7 - 9 pm

This has been arranged by the Christina Education Committee as an opportunity for Church School teachers to

- ✓ tour our new Resource Centre
- ✓ see what's available to assist your teaching
- ✓ visit with other teachers
- ✓ enjoy refreshments
- ✓ check out a sample of the new Anglican Learning Centre kits
- ✓ pick up your end-of-year zipper pull awards

Vacation Bible School

There is a review of several Vacation Bible School Resources in the April edition of the NB Anglican. If anyone has material from last year they would be willing to pass on to another parish, please let me know.

The following are ideas made available on the web by Children's Ministry Magazine. www.cnmag.com. They would make good Good Friday or Easter lessons for a class, or a good focus for all age talks or sermons.

Good Friday

Label 7 plastic eggs with the numbers 1 - 7. Put the following items into the eggs:

1. A small piece of bread
2. A grape
3. A piece of purple cloth
4. A thorn
5. A long thin strip of leather or a piece of a leather shoelace.
6. A cross
7. A stone

Open the eggs in order and as you do so ask the children if they know what the significance of each item is.

An Easter Basket

Have a **basket** containing the items mentioned, and talk about them one by one. The basket itself is woven together as the crown of thorns was woven. It contains '**grass**' which reminds us of the hay in the manger when Jesus was born. He was born so that the events of Good Friday and Easter might take place. There is a bag of **gold or silver covered chocolate coins**. They remind us of the money paid to Judas to betray Jesus. A **chocolate rooster** helps us to think of how Peter denied knowing Jesus three times before the dawn when the rooster crowed. A **hollow plastic egg that opens up** symbolizes the empty tomb on that first Easter morning.

Marshmallow chicks or bunnies are signs of new life and new birth. Finally, **gold foil-covered chocolate Easter eggs** remind us of how the Bible says the streets of heaven are paved with gold, and that is where Jesus is.

A preacher was wearing a lapel mike with a cord. He moved briskly around the area at the front of the church as he preached, jerking at the cord as he went, and several times getting wound up in it or nearly tripping over it. A child leaned over to whisper to her mother, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"