

## **Children's Ministry Synod Report**

### **Support**

I have visited several Archdeaconry meetings to connect with Vicars and outline what I can offer. I regularly meet with Vicars and Children's workers over coffee to offer ideas, mentoring and support.

### **VIP Magazine**

Since mid-2021 there have been 4 issues printed. 1000 copies were printed for the Easter 2021 edition and were distributed among 35 different ministry units. I have had a lot of feedback that people have found them a useful resource to hand out to community kids, for in-church holiday packs and as resources to have available for visiting children in rural churches. Dunedin Diocese has also ordered a few hundred for Easter and Christmas. Magazines includes bible stories, activities, prayers and crafts.

### **Leader's Guild**

4 Leader's Guild sessions have been run. These have been good opportunities for children's workers to connect with each other and to learn new ideas. We have looked at games, storytelling, safety, prayer and other topics.

### **Church work**

I have been involved in two parishes in the last year, learning about the realities of children's ministry in our Diocese and supporting/strengthening teams in small ways.

### **Theology House Course**

This is the second year that I have worked alongside Theology house to run a certificate level practical Children's ministry course. We have had two students this year. The course is based around the basics of running/setting up a children's ministry. It is very conversational based, and it has been super encouraging to see these concepts and conversations impact the thinking of our students on their real-life children's ministry contexts.

### **Resourcing**

I have continued to resource children's workers through the Facebook group, website, emails and newsletters.

### **Other Resources**

I have been working on a leadership/discipleship booklet for children's workers to use with young leaders as well as a resource to give to Vicars and new Children's workers for where to find resources and ideas. These should be available later in the year.

### **Covid**

Covid has impacted on all areas of my work. Meetings, trainings and events have all been cancelled, rescheduled and cancelled repeatedly. I look forward to a more stable time in the future.