

Reader's reactions

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One for All

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One for All is a series of three colourful and inspirational books, one for each cycle of the Lectionary.

Books are set out especially with the all-age worship leader in mind: each service is clearly based on a theme and the Lectionary readings for that Sunday, with an easy-to-follow format and list of resources (including an additional CD Rom) as well as really useful details such as the minimum number of people needed for each service and suggestions for hymns and worship songs.



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However, you cannot turn a service into an all-age worship service just by throwing in a children's sermon or an action song! What makes these books a real bonus to a congregation is the theology behind them – that children and young people should not be 'hidden away' from adults in Sunday School but included in the really exciting and central business of inclusive worship, and that even more than that, "all-age worship" is for everyone regardless of age, gender or churchmanship.

I particularly like the way in which the more 'difficult' subjects such as 'repentance' and 'suffering' are dealt with in a sensitive and relevant way – making them easy for younger members of the congregation to grasp yet being careful not to patronise older members.

I would recommend this book to less confident all-age worship leaders or those with limited time for preparation – perhaps even those starting out on all-age services for the first time. Each service is creatively and imaginatively put together to allow for different multi-sensory ways of exploring and sharing together. For example the main theme of that Sunday might be interpreted through interactive drama or a collective collage of thoughts and ideas – all designed to encourage us to think and reflect on the theme for that day.

Please note that the views expressed in these materials are those of the individual writer and not necessarily the official view of the Church of Scotland, which can be laid down only by the General Assembly.



Additional Resources

Resourcing Mission



<http://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/> is host to Starters for Sunday as well as key mission resources from the Church of Scotland, for download and purchase, and has an online booking facility for Mission & Discipleship events (eg National Youth Assembly). Please check back regularly, as new items are being added all the time. We welcome all feedback so if there is something you'd like to see on this new site that isn't already there, please use the 'Website Feedback' option on the 'Contact Us' page.

Prayer Resources

These materials are designed to be a starting point for what you might look for in Prayers. You may also be interested in looking at our publication **Pray Now 2013**. Please click [here](#).



Music Resources

The hymns mentioned in this material are ideas of specific hymns you might choose for this week's themes. However, for some excellent articles on church music and ideas for new music resources, please check out our online music magazine **Different Voices** which can be found [here](#).

Preaching Resources



These materials are designed to be a starting point for **what** you might preach this Sunday. If you would be interested in looking at our free materials on **how** you might preach, please click [here](#) to see our [Preachers Perspectives](#) web page where we have asked twelve preachers to share the insights they have gathered through their experiences of writing and delivering sermons regularly.

