

Dear all,

How are you doing? The weather is glorious isn't it? And I can't remember a more beautiful Spring for sunshine and flowers. It's as though God is still demonstrating his goodness and beauty in creation and blessing us despite the pandemic.

This Sunday we've got something a bit different for you.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSKbAn1W1vVi-iA8_PPgzC_pf8ofc1hc2

It's a YouTube playlist so all you have to do is click on Play All. Rhoda has put together some special pages for each of the children's and youth groups on YouTube:

Childrens Service - 26 April - Adventure.pdf

Childrens Service - 26 April - Discover and Explore.pdf

Youth Service - 26 April - Connect and Encounter.pdf

If we hadn't been in lockdown, we would have had our AGM for Church members on April 22. As a leadership, there's quite a lot that we wanted to talk to you about. Quite apart from reporting on the regular business of running a church, we are looking for a new Minister, and now we are coping with the effects of Coronavirus and lockdown. Coping with the restrictions hasn't been easy but to some degree we are settling into a "new normal" of online communication and social distancing.

However, we wanted to give you some idea of the kinds of things the leadership have been discussing in recent weeks and what we feel God is saying and doing at OBC, in Oakham and Rutland and in us.

So, instead of the usual format of one talk and some songs and some prayers, we're having a series of very short talks from all the leadership team mixed in with the worship, setting out what we feel God is saying on a whole range of important issues.

Many of these topics we will be covering in the Church profile about OBC that we are preparing which will be the document that prospective ministers see if they are interested in applying. We'll be circulating the Church profile document that will have been approved by the Trustees and our Regional Minister for you to see by email in a few weeks. There will be paper copies only for people with no internet.

If there are people you know who have internet but are not receiving the ChurchSuite emails, please remind them to contact Ebe on admin@oakhambaptist.org.uk to get signed up. We will let you know how to comment before it is finally approved by church members. Please feel free to send any comments and feedback to me secretary@oakhambaptist.org.uk
Every blessing

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