

Justice for Children

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Welcome

Hymn: God is love, let heaven adore him

Prayers of thanksgiving and adoration

Lord's prayer

Talk 1 – newsworthy child abuse - those abused in dramatic circumstances (fortunately rare) and usually young and attractive looking.

Hymn: Eternal God, we praise your love

Talk 2 – unnewsworthy child abuse – those where the situation is less dramatic, the children are older and less immediately appealing or where gangs or drugs are involved

Prayers of intercession

Hymn: Who can sound the depths of sorrow

Reading 1 Mark 9: 33-37; 10: 13-16

Talk 3 – theology – suffer little children to come unto me. Jesus was born a baby and developed and grew through childhood to adulthood. He understood the love and the tensions of family.

Hymn: Birth bring a promise of new life awaking

Reading 2: 1 John 5: 1-4

Talk 4 – justice for children – who is the abused? In many situations the perpetrator is often the abused. All need to be loved and we have a responsibility and opportunity to prevent (further) suffering

Prayer of commitment

Hymn: Lord, for the years

Blessing