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**When?** Thursday evenings, 7.30-8.30pm

**Where?** At the back of the church

**16th Sept: Parish ministry** What do we want to celebrate? Where are the gaps? Three main priorities moving forward?

**23rd Sept: Invitation** How can we inspire and encourage people to come to church?

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**14<sup>th</sup> October: Hospitality** Communication, information, welcome, encouraging people to return

**21st October: Ministry of the Word** Formation and preparation

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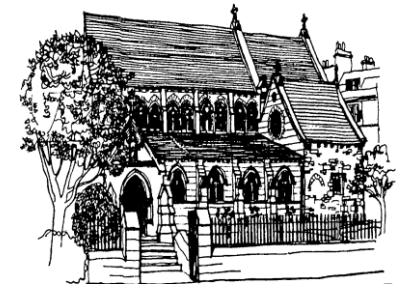
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To book any or all of the webinars, go to [https://refresh\\_renew.eventbrite.co.uk](https://refresh_renew.eventbrite.co.uk)

**In addition:** Join Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders from across the diocese in an on-line conversation to share ideas and approaches with Sarah Adams on **Wednesday 22nd Sept 7-30-8.30pm**.

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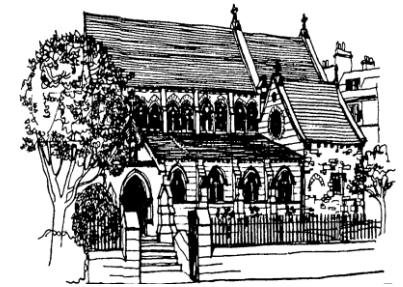
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