

Guide to 26 Jan 05

Community and Belonging:

1. Altogether with music – Queen – I want to be free

2. Prayer: We all take part:

C/ God made us in his image

M/ I don't want to know

G/ God gave us the choice to choose right from wrong

M/ I don't want to know

I/ God made the earth for us to enjoy

M/ I don't want to know

C/ Life is not easy, we have to make choices

M/ I don't want to know

G/ I want to be part of society, the community

M/ I don't want to know

I/ We need to work together to help other people

M/ I don't want to know

C/ I/G We are the church, God gave us the spirit, the Holy Spirit

M/ I don't want to know, but can you help me to push my car it will not start.

Can you help me and lend me £5, can you help me get that good job, can you... can you

I/C/G WE DON'T WANT TO KNOW

**(Someone will ask young people for help over Easter serving the masses)
Then we will continue.**

.Split into groups

PAGE 1

Read through first few line.

Ask candidates to read what is in the box and complete.

What could you be doing?

When complete see if anyone can fill in the TV What's on tonight?

Does not matter if no-one knows, but brief discussion on how TV has taken over our lives.

Ask people to read next section *Good reasons for being confirmed.* Emphasise *responsibility* and *community* Suggest that these two go hand in hand.

Ask candidates not to look at page 2

Ask candidates to write down their own understanding of confirmation at the bottom of Page1.

Page 2:

Ask candidates to read through top half of page 2. Give may be 2/3 minutes at most.

Mention Confirmation means gaining strength and becoming a full member of the church.

Get candidates to look at picture.

Tick the pictures which give people street cred!!! (Give 2 mins to think about them)

Ask people what they thought would give them street cred (No right or wrong answer.

Mention religion and family don't give street cred but are important.

Page 3

Read through with candidates top section

Read through Are you a Rose Bush. Get everyone to work in pair to match Letter A,B,C,D, and E to the right part of the plant.

A Roots B Stem C Open Rose D Un-opened Buds E Thorn

Page 4

Get candidates to read through *Read the Following* (pick on a young person to read out aloud)

Ask the question

How Often do we judge people without getting to know them

Get someone to read through the second part of Sebastian.

Go through rest of page as you see fit.

Page 5

Who made the Decisions?

Ask Candidates to complete page 5. Ask them to complete the bottom section for next time we meet.

If time pay a quick game.

Give out blue card and a red card. Divide your group into two teams. Ask each team to decide which card they are going to give to you, without the other team knowing until you say GIVE!!!

One team produces a red or blue then the other team produce their card,

How to Score: Blue 10 point Red 50 point. BUT

If both teams put a RED CARD *minus* 50 points

If both teams put a Blue card score 10 points

Try this 3 times.

Explain that Red is all of us, in the Rich World –rich community

Blue is the poor in the world.

If teams put red cards in ask why – to score high points – but the rich world or rich community are taking everything from the poor. Blue can never catch up.

But if we work together in God's Community rich and poor can survive not just the rich, even though, helping others means we may not be very rich.

Get together in Group – Piece of music (My Brother) and final prayer.


Confirmation
26 January 2005

Community and Belonging:

So you want to be confirmed?

Many candidates attend Confirmation classes because they have been forced to do so by their parents or someone else.

Who in their right mind would want to attend religion classes after work, especially when they could be doing something else?

What could you be doing if you weren't here? Watching TV Playing football/netball Doing homework (sch/or for work) Cooking Washing up Tidying up Doing homework	What could you be doing? List 3 things you might have been doing _____ _____ _____
?????? What am I missing in TV tonight by being here?  _____ _____	

Well, there are some very good reasons for being confirmed.

As we move through the Confirmation Programme you will discover some of them.

- Confirmation involves taking more responsibility for your own religious life.
- Confirmation also brings you closer into the church community.

What do you think Confirmation means or represents?

Write down your own understanding of Confirmation, then share your answers with the group, (try to think of a couple of things).

Confirmation has different meanings to different people.

- It is building on baptism. Baptism was your entry into the church, confirmation is an extension of your life in the church.
- It's a celebration that marks the ending of Christian initiation begun at Baptism.

It is a bit like starting to be a doctor. You study, take exams and become qualified. Starting to study could be said to be baptism, qualifying is a form of confirmation.

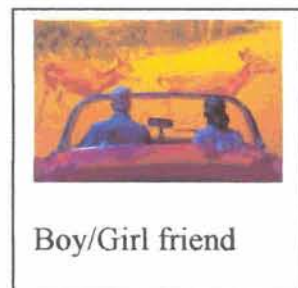
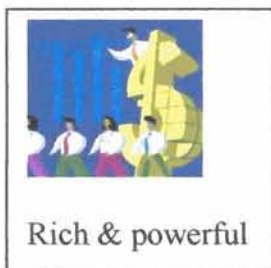
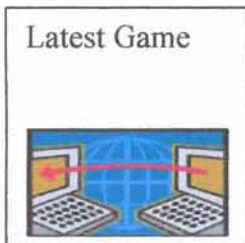
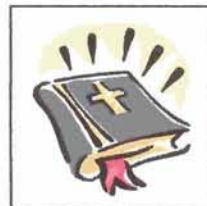
The same could be said to like playing a musical instrument. Baptism could be you starting to play, exams could be confirming the standard you have reached.

- It is a sense of belonging to the Christian community
- A ceremony whereby candidates receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a special; way
- It provides a deeper meaning and understanding of Christ
- It's a process which candidates are made more aware of Christ working in their lives and through the lives of others around them.

Confirmation is all of the above.

Activity:

Look at the pictures below: Tick those that you think would give you **street cred**



How many people would admit to these:

- I admit to being a Christian
- Feel sorry for the man who lives in the park (down-trodden)
- Want to be good and honest
- Talk about your family
- Like helping people

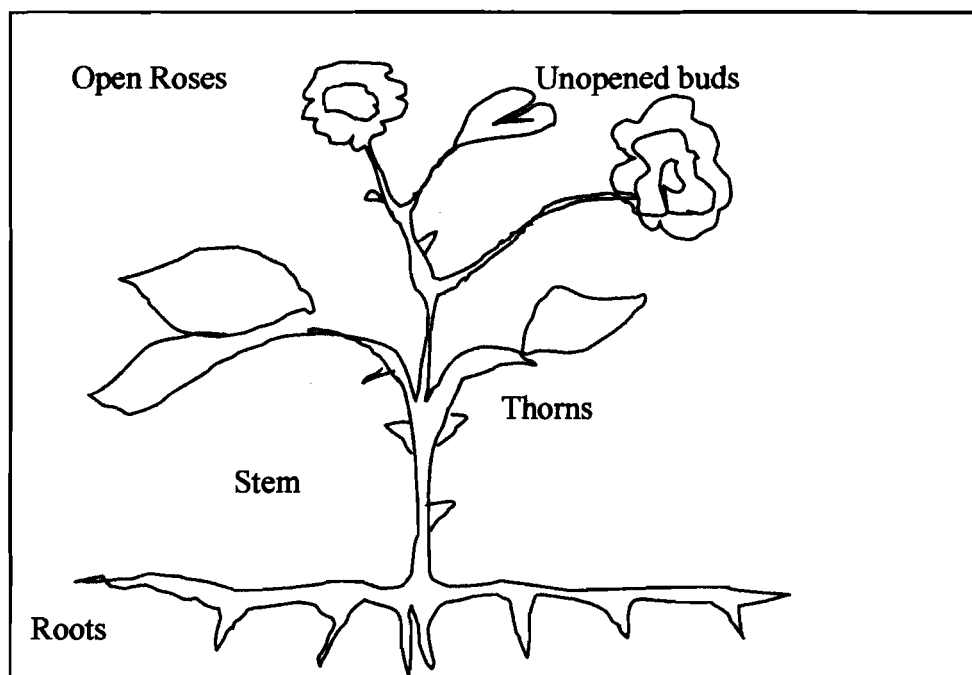
If your answer is yes to all of the above, you might have serious street cred!!!!

Are you a Rose Bush ???

Look at the diagram of the Rose Bush

Where would you put the following labels. (Just put your letter A, B or C etc... next to the part of the plant you think it could be). E.g Does A go with Thorns or Roots

- A. The people and things that nourish (feed) your character
- B. Personal gifts and talents that strengthen your character
- C. Talents already in use to help the people in your life
- D. Talents you have not yet offered or used
- E. The less good things about you that stop people coming close to you or put people off.



The Rose bush is you, but being part of a community or church community means having to meet people. How should we treat other people?

Read the following

Sebastian joined my class late in the year. No one liked him. He looks funny, he has a small, red mark on his face. He does not do sports or anything. He's not very friendly when you talk to him, he does not say much. He never invites anyone to his house, he's just a loner. *(By a pupil)*

How often do we judge people without getting to know them?

Sebastian as a baby was physically abused by his parents. He had to go to hospital after his parents had thrown boiling water over him. He has terrible scars on his body that will never disappear. Luckily when he is clothed the only scar that shows is the red mark on his face. He lives in a children's home.

At the start of the programme you got to know a little about each other.

If you were asked to join a group or club you knew nothing about, what would you say?

A group is only as good as its members, so ask yourself what can you offer to others in the group. Members of a gang or group usually have something in common, like a netball or football team, or a fan club of a pop star. Belonging to a group is a community.

Can you think of 3 communities?????????

A community may also share common beliefs, a Christian community believes in Jesus Christ and his teachings. Most of you probably had no choice in baptism. Now, part of Confirmation is confirming your baptismal promises. *What does this mean?*

It means you are declaring or saying that you have decided to become a fuller member of the church.

How involved can you become? It is up to you. However, the more involved you become the more you begin to understand God.

Look at the list on Page 5 Who made the decisions?

What decisions do you make ?
Infancy

What decisions do your parents make ?
Infancy

Primary School

Primary School

Secondary

Secondary

Now

Now

Who makes up the church community?

List the people who make up the church community. Find the names of people who are part of the Church Community.....

Priest..... Counters..... Flower Arrangement.....

Eucharist Minister..... Reader.....

Altar server..... 3 people whom go to church but none of the above

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