

## What are the benefits?

Membership offers the chance to be part of a community and a vision, with an opportunity to change things.

In addition, members will receive:

- ❖ a regular free e-magazine, with accessible features about spirituality, Godly Play, practical issues and projects (edited by Rebecca Nye)
- ❖ special discounts on materials (St Michael's Workshop, Bowthorpe)
- ❖ a reduced fee for the Godly Play conferences
- ❖ an opportunity to attend the Membership AGM
- ❖ first year's membership free



## Moving forward

To become an Associate Member please either fill in the attached direct debit form and return it to Sheila Rogers at:

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Alternatively, please sign up via the Godly Play website [www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk)

For any membership enquiries, including international membership, please email: [sheila@godlyplay.uk](mailto:sheila@godlyplay.uk)

## Ways to keep in contact

Join the Godly Play UK Facebook Group and be part of our supportive Godly Play community.



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Keep up to date by following us on Twitter.



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*"In most religious education children are told who God is. In Godly Play children discover who God is."*

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**Thank you for your support!**

# Associate Membership of Godly Play UK

*Help us grow seeds into trees*



## Do you share our vision?

Godly Play UK's mission is to support spiritually-rich practices with children and adults.

We believe the spirituality of childhood is a gift hidden in plain sight. When taken seriously it changes lives, deepens faith and builds communities.

We advocate and provide for better recognition and care of childhood spirituality.

We promote open, creative ways to explore Christian story and practices, so the art of using spiritual language meaningfully in our lives can be enjoyed at all ages.

We offer a well-tested alternative to seeing children as 'empty vessels', and to the stressful cultures of consumerism, measurement, achievement and hyper-activity.

*Godly Play UK is a registered Charity No. 1116846*

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## Our growth

Godly Play started in the UK in 2000, inspired by Jerome Berryman.

Little seeds were planted by a handful of volunteers, in particular Rebecca Nye and Peter Privett.

Slowly and wonderfully the mission and influence of Godly Play has grown, spreading throughout the UK, and from here across Europe.

It has taken root in more than a dozen denominations and blossomed in churches, schools, care homes, holiday clubs, prisons and hospitals.

More than 1500 people have completed the accredited training course, and many more have been inspired by shorter introductions.

Countless children have benefitted from the space and time to enter the stories, and to come closer to themselves and God through play and creativity. Teachers have been inspired to teach differently and parents encouraged to parent more perceptively.

## Caring about what really matters...



## Why we need your support

You probably have first-hand experience of the ways Godly Play meets important needs in children and adults. Our growth shows the demand for spirituality-sensitive approaches to learning and living together in a fragile world. To sustain and develop this work, we urgently need your support.

In 2007, Godly Play UK became a charitable trust and has expanded to include a team of 14 freelance regional trainer-advisors, 50 volunteer local advocates and a part-time administrator. No one receives a salary, nor do we receive support from any national church body.

We want to continue and improve

- ❖ a range of training courses, including bursary assistance
- ❖ our ongoing support to users
- ❖ work with special needs and in areas of deprivation
- ❖ our childhood spirituality conferences

And we'd like to develop

- ❖ retreats to sustain adult spirituality
- ❖ other work with schools and hospitals
- ❖ training for people early in ministry
- ❖ training videos

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## We have outgrown our seedling stage: to realise Godly Play's full potential, your help is essential.

### Will you join us?

Associate Membership of Godly Play is open to

- ❖ everyone who cares about nurturing the spirituality of childhood
- ❖ those who have experienced the spiritual support that Godly Play can offer
- ❖ those who use Godly Play and those who don't
- ❖ those who would like the influence of Godly Play to be part of every childhood.

By contributing a modest annual membership of £30 (£45 for institutional/joint membership), you can be part of this story, helping to secure Godly Play's future in the UK and further afield.

Your contribution will make a real difference to the spiritual lives of children, their teachers and many more.

The seeds sown and watered now will yield a wonderful harvest.

