

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter Apr 24

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter - and have had / will have the chance of some rest.

My husband and I had the privilege of celebrating a young person's baptism on Easter Day. It has been so encouraging to journey with him as he has questioned and explored and to see his excitement in making this commitment before his family and friends.

That's what this ministry is all about - children and young people encountering Jesus. **Thank you for all you do.**

The Church of England have an exciting vision to see the number of children and young active disciples in The Church of England double by 2030.

There is an online 20 minute prayer meeting each Tuesday at 1 pm. Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/42O7kDO>

God bless you,

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Share your stories with us

We want to hear from you about what exciting projects you are working on and what God is doing across the Diocese.

It could be a new group, church service, family event, youth outreach, messy church, holiday club whatever it is we want to hear about it.

Send us a couple of 100 words and some photographs and we'll share it to celebrate, inspire and encourage each other.

How can we pray for you and your ministry?

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[CYF Newsletter Sign Up](#)



Spring Harvest

**4th
Apr**

I will be at Spring Harvest for the day and would love to meet for a cuppa and catch up.

If you will be there, please do get in touch:
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CHORAL CHURCH
NETWORK
DO YOU HAVE - OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A JUNIOR CHOIR?
JOIN US AS WE THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN COME TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER & SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN OUR WORSHIP & MISSION.
10AM
SATURDAY 4TH MAY
Stamford
Contact
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for more details

**Anglo-Catholic
Children, Youth
and Family
Workers
Network**



The next meeting of this Network will be held on **Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm on Zoom.**

For a link please email
Clare Williams
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Look out for more networking dates coming up - in person and online!



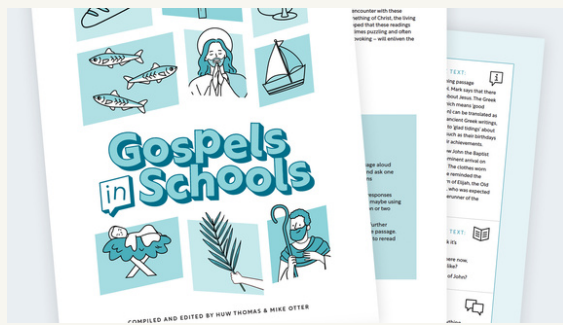
Resources



“The Youthscape **Prayer Band** is a fantastic new way to help young people develop the practice of daily prayer. It's a physical and practical reminder of six types of prayer with the simple challenge to complete the circle - and all six prayers - through each day.

The Prayer Band has five different coloured beads, and a small silver cross. Each marks an approach to prayer drawn from Christian tradition and Scripture. Confession - Praise - Our world - Friends and family - Me - Listening to God.

Sometimes it's hard for young people to find the words to pray - which is why The Prayer Band comes with a fold out resource with eighteen prayers to get them started, together with some inspiration from great Christian writers about the power of prayer.”



“Gospels in Schools and The Old Testament in Schools

Introduce your pupils to passages from the Gospels and the Old Testament and go deeper into well-known stories with these class discussion resources for KS1 and KS2.

- useful background information to contextualise each passage and support you in your planning and preparation
- thought-provoking questions to support pupils to consider their own experiences and values on a wide range of themes and issues
- helpfully identified themes for each passage which can be used to select the most appropriate readings
- enough passages to resource weekly readings and discussion for a whole school year

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/education/gospels-in-schools/>



Thy Kingdom Come



THY KINGDOM COME **THE PRAYER**

Do you run or are part of a Christian youth group? Are you a young Christian?

Then we are inviting you to join with thousands of young people from every corner of the nation to come together, to unite in a single purpose: to pray **The Prayer** that Jesus taught us – *The Lord's Prayer* in one mighty voice. So, *answer the call!*

When - Pentecost Sunday, 19 May 2024, at 17.00-18:00

With your church crew:
*Gather, worship, pray and watch together***

Going solo?
Join online!

Hanging with friends?
Make it a watch party!

Seeking a larger shared experience?
Attend a Beacon event

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
[thykingdomcome.global/theprayer](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/theprayer)

“**The Way**” is a series of videos produced by young people for young people looking at big questions such as:

WHY AM I HERE? WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? IS THERE A GOD? DOES ANYONE LOVE ME? DO I MATTER?

This year, **The Cheeky Pandas** explore “The Jesus StoryBook Bible”

Find out more, here:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/new-2024>



Training & Research

Catch up with the latest **Church of England** webinar here:

Serving Your Local School



LIVE webinar - '**Will our children have faith in post pandemic times?**'
We'll be investigating models of children's faith formation in a world changed by pandemic experiences on Wednesday 1st May, 11am CST, 5pm GMT

Presenters:

Dr Sarah Holmes (Liverpool Hope University & Institute for Children, Youth & Mission, UK)

Dr Mimi Larson (Center for Faith and Children at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, USA)

Dr Sue Price (Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, UK)

In this live webinar Sarah, Mimi and Sue will summarise and discuss their recently published paper (Journal of Beliefs and Values). They will examine the role of faith communities in nurturing a child's faith today, and consider the implications for ministry practice.

The webinar is free and you can sign up here:

[CYM Research Webinar](#)



Young people, radicalisation & autism

“Training workshop for professionals

Professional training about this emerging online risk

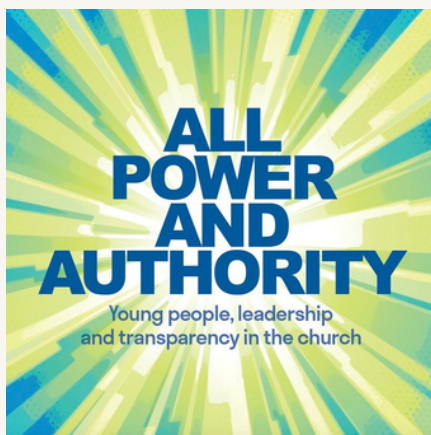
Young people are increasingly being radicalised online into having extreme and harmful views. Young people with autism can be especially vulnerable.

Register for a virtual workshop which explains radicalisation and how it can affect those with neuro-divergence.

Learn how to spot the warning signs in young people with autism – and how to support the families you work with.”

[Young people, radicalisation & autism](#)





Young people, leadership and transparency in the church

The St Mellitus and Youthscape Annual Lecture **Monday 13th May 2024**

“We live in the intersection of a generation of young people who instinctively distrust traditional authorities and a church rocked by regular scandals involving abuses of power by leaders.

This year’s lecture will explore a vision for leadership that seeks to hold power and authority differently, not as assumed but through deep attentiveness to the other, acknowledging that the humanity of each person bears the image of Christ.

Informed by the Christian tradition of non-violent practice this will encourage those who lead in the youth ministry space to consider reframing leadership as a spiritual practice of attentiveness.

This year’s lecture takes place on 13th May, 6.30-8.30pm at St Mellitus College. Book now to attend the 2024 Lecture in person or online. It’s free but you must register in advance.”

<https://www.youthscape.co.uk/lecture>

‘The laughter of Godly Play flows out of God’s playful presence.’ (Jerome Berryman)

Come, laugh and learn with us at our Conference on 29 June in Gloucester.

Book here: <https://www.godlyplay.uk/.../godly-play-uk-conference-2024/>

We shall explore laughter together ... as well as opportunities to learn about how Godly Play can help those affected by trauma and how it supports children in schools.

St Mary DeCrypt Church, Gloucester

Our main speaker on Saturday is Ian MacDonald, Laughter Enabler, Storyteller and Theologian.”

