

# Children's Youth & Families Newsletter Dec 24

It was so good to be at the National Youth Ministry Weekend last month - and to meet with others from our Diocese and across the world!

It was a time for input, resourcing and training and there was a sensitivity to the challenges of ministry as well as celebrating what God is doing in and through us and our children and young people.

There was a recognition of the diversity of church and youth ministry and alongside enjoying the band-led worship, I really appreciated the "alternative worship" with Taize and breath prayers, as well as the offer of morning prayer and compline, and a session on Sacraments in youthwork.

Having returned feeling inspired and spiritually renewed (although physically very tired), I am seeking to continue, in this season of Advent, to draw close to God, to wait with purpose and expectation in the knowledge that Emmanuel came to be with me, and with all those I have the privilege to be ministering to, and journey alongside.

I pray that it will be a time of great blessing to you, too, and Christmas, when it comes, will bring joy.

Thank you for all you do.

God bless,

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## Please let us know about your ministry

The QR code below will take you to a simple form to let us know what's going on with children, young people and families in your LMP.

Messy Church, Open the Book, youth groups, choirs, drop ins, all age services... whatever the project, help us to hear about and celebrate what's going on across the Diocese.

Thank you to everyone who's already been able to complete the form.



# Networking

## Growing Faith

**Growing Faith seeks to put children and young people at the heart of all we do, bringing together the spheres of church, school and community.**

Whether exploring, just starting out or well on your way, everyone is invited to join our half-termly zoom meetings to connect with others on their Growing Faith journeys.

### Join the network



**11th Feb**  
**7-8pm**

**20th Mar**  
**7-8pm**

**20th May**  
**7-8pm**

**1st July**  
**7-8pm**

Discover more about Growing Faith, watch our webinar and listen to their podcast via our [Digital Learning Platform](#).

## Resources

### Amnesty!

We're still seeking our **"Godly Play"** resources! At one time, the Diocese had kits that could be borrowed by churches and ministers. We would like to be able to offer this again, but we need find them first! If you have some of these resources, or know where they are, please get in touch, thank you.



## Resources



Safeguarding resources from **thirtyone:eight**

Talking with children about safeguarding issues can feel daunting. Where do you start? Join Roarry and his Ranger Club as they explore what safe looks and feels like and learn to '**Raise your roar**'...

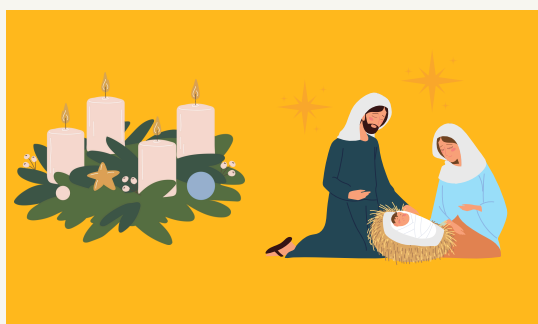
**Book Bundle** - Just Leadership AND Escaping the Maze AND Safeguarding as Mission



A set of 4 free posters designed to raise awareness of anxiety, depression, self-harm and mental health full of distraction and coping techniques and ideas. From **SelfharmUK**

Conversation-starter playing cards to get young people thinking and talking about their mental and emotional wellbeing: recognising, communicating, responding to and reflecting on **emotions**.





Looking for Advent and Christmas resources for schools, households or churches?

Find some inspiration on our **Padlet Board** - and please share your great ideas to help others, too.

### **One for you - Time to reflect**

Welcome to Listen In! This journal contains 40 exercises of various techniques and methods to help you reflect on your life and your faith, and listen in to what God is saying and notice how He is moving. Listen In exists to encourage you as a youth leader, and to help you cultivate rhythms of theological reflection in your life.





## Training & Events

The next **Church of England Vision Webinar:**

Adapting to welcome children, young people and families

Wednesday 15th January, 10am

You can also catch up with other vision webinars you may have missed.



**The Additional Needs Blogfather training:**

**'All Inclusive?' - Supporting Children & Young People With Additional Needs**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 · 7:30 - 9:30pm

**'All Inclusive?' - Supporting Families**

Monday, February 17, 2025 · 7:30 - 9:30pm



## Looking Ahead...





## Training & Events



**save the date!**



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Join us for  
the Diocese of Lincoln's  
Youth Pilgrimage to

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 **Taizé**



with the **Bishop of Grantham**  
for those **aged 18 - 30**  
see [learn.lincoln.anglican.org](http://learn.lincoln.anglican.org)  
**August 3 - 10, 2025**

There's a wonderful opportunity for young people to join a week-long youth pilgrimage to Taizé in France.

Young adults age 18 - 30 are very welcome.

It's time set aside to search for communion with God through community, prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing.

During a visit, all participants join in the community life of Taizé and the daily programme.

More details will be announced soon.

[Find out more and register your interest](http://learn.lincoln.anglican.org)