

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter Feb 24

As I wandered up the church path on Sunday morning, I was excited to see a few snowdrops had pushed up and were waving gently to greet me. It's always encouraging to see those first signs of Spring, of new life.

And it seems that when you've noticed one snowdrop, you notice more.

I wonder whether it is the same in the things of God.

I wonder what the signs of new life are around my ministry - the new young person coming to youth group with his friend, the new Choir network for the Diocese, the connections made with other CYF ministers last week...

As I take time to see these signs of new life, in that awareness, I recognise that I am looking for, and I am seeing more. What are the new mercies, the faithfulness, the new life around me, around you?

I am reminded of the lyrics of the hymn, "Great is thy faithfulness":

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

God bless you,

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Junior Choir Network

**24th
Feb**

Do you have a Junior Choir, or have children or young people in your choir? Or are you planning to have? The Revd Canon Nick Brown has outlined his hopes for the group: Articulating in the wider Church the potential (and reality) of choral music as a vibrant contribution to the worship and mission of the Church Providing a means of brokering co-operation and collaboration by sharing good practice and mutual encouragement Promoting a pattern for churches to engage in choral music to encourage others to engage with choral music as a resource for worship, tool for mission and means for growth Organising events for choirs to sing together However, any agenda is open, so any ideas that could be usefully included gratefully received!

Please do get in touch with myself, or Nick to let us know you are attending - refreshments will be provided.

**Wickham
Reading
Room,
Lincoln
Cathedral
3pm**

Growing Faith

Bringing Churches, Schools & Communities together, Growing Faith seeks to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of mission and ministry.

Hear stories and be inspired.

For clergy, CYF workers and volunteers - and all those wanting to explore what this could mean for them.

9.30am-12pm online

Sign up here:

[Growing Faith Webinar Registration](#)

**16th
Mar**

**Online
9.30am**

Spring Harvest

**4th
Apr**

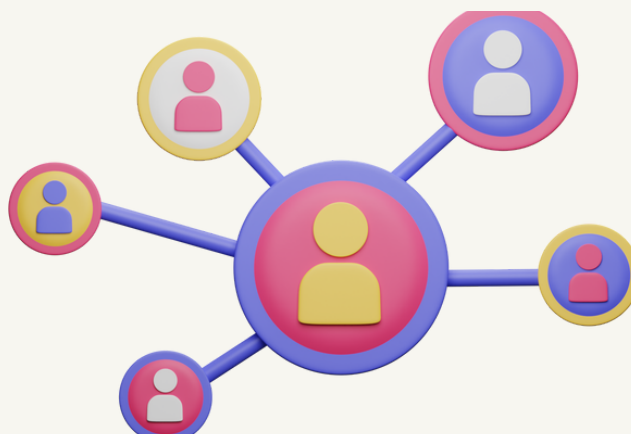
I will be at Spring Harvest for the day and would love to meet for a cuppa and catch up.

If you will be there, please do get in touch:
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Look out for more networking dates coming up - in person and online!



Anglo-Catholic Children, Youth and Family Workers Network



We are pleased to announce that the inaugural meeting of this Network will be held on **Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm on Zoom.**

This will be a chance for anyone involved in voluntary or paid positions working with children, young people or families to gather. We are inviting anyone in any role, e.g. through Sunday School, Messy Church, Toddler Groups, Youth Groups or those offering a particular ministry on a Sunday morning which welcomes and works with those aged under 18.

The purpose for the contextual setting is a recognition that for many Anglo-Catholic parishes, one of the aims of working with children, young people and families may be to encourage them into the Sacramental life of the church and therefore our conversations can focus on this. There is also an awareness that particular resources for this context are more scarce than for other forms of children and youth ministry.

During the hour and a half meeting we hope there will be opportunities for all to share from their particular setting the challenges and the joys of their work. We will be asking each person present to suggest something they would find helpful from the Network.

The Network will then meet again on Zoom with an aim to meet an overriding need/theme which has arisen from the inaugural meeting. We plan to meet 3-4 times a year on Zoom with an aim to have an in-person residential gathering once the Network has been established. There is no charge to be part of this Network but we hope those who join will commit to its meetings and to praying for one another.

For a Zoom link please email Clare Williams (Network convenor)
clarewilliamsyouthwork@gmail.com



A journey with St Hild & St Hugh



We had a fantastic day on Saturday 13th February, exploring St Hild & St Hugh! We thought about their faith journeys, and ours, through song, craft, activity and word.

For more - including a beautiful reading of Caedmon's song in Old English, follow this link:

[A journey with St Hild & St Hugh](#)

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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Resources

The Children's Society have produced six new FREE Church Youth Group Resource aim at young people between 11 and 18 .

These six sessions can be led by youth workers, teachers, parents or family members.



“The sessions help young people increase compassion and understanding for others affected by poverty, mental health, exploitation and brokenness and encourages faith in action and show young people that their prayers and actions can create positive change. The resources can be viewed and downloaded on the links below”

[Session 1 Poverty](#)

[Session 2 Young Carers](#)

[Session 3 County Lines](#)

[Session 4 Young Refuges](#)

[Session 5 Missing From Home](#)

[Session 6 Emotional Health and Wellbeing](#)

If you would like hard copies of resources please contact Jane Foster
jane.foster@childrenssociety.org.uk

For more information on the work of The Children's Society please see our website www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Our **Lent & Easter Padlet** board is currently being updated.

Please send in your ideas and resources so we can add them in!

The board will be updated over the next few weeks

<https://padlet.com/DioceseofLincolnCFY>



“**Max7** is a library of free ministry resources in many languages. Max7 wants to see children everywhere living life to the MAX with Jesus 7 days a week.

The Max7 website offers resources which have been shared by thousands of generous followers of Jesus to help you as you make disciples. At Max7 you'll find: outreach materials, Bible teaching materials, videos, songs, Bible Curriculum, visuals and much more - resources for all ages - resources for many areas of ministry.”

<https://www.max7.org/en/>



Video Resources



“Redefining the standard of visual biblical media, **LUMO** is a visual translation of the four Gospels produced to engage people with scripture in a new way.

Taking each of the New Testament Gospels unedited and unabridged as the script, LUMO offers four feature-length films with breathtaking visuals to paint an authentic portrait of the life of Christ.

These stunningly innovative films, currently available in dozens of languages, are easily adapted for a global audience.

The LUMO films are designed to be utilized by churches, ministries and individuals to create compelling scripture engagement programs that bring the Gospels to life.

Non-commercial use of the films is available at no charge.”

lumoproject.com



<https://bibleproject.com/>

“**BibleProject** is a nonprofit, crowdfunded organization that produces 100% free Bible videos, podcasts, articles, classes, and educational Bible resources to help make the biblical story accessible to everyone everywhere...
...we have over 180 videos and 350 podcast episodes, which can all be accessed on our website, the BibleProject app, YouTube, and more.”

“**Limitless TV** is an amazing show full of games, teaching and discussion questions on relevant themes for young people for you to use in your youth group. We have multiple seasons for you to watch, enjoy and love!”

[Limitless TV](#)



Developing our Young Leaders

“The **Onelife** Sessions are designed to increase the potential influence and leadership of the young leader you have the privilege of working with. They’ve got the potential to kick-start something extraordinary, something that could significantly impact your church, school, or organisation.

We believe they might just cause your group to feel inspired enough to make a difference – and when that happens – it’s our experience that individual growth and commitment follow suit.

Together, we’re raising a generation of influential young leaders, one life at a time.

The Onelife Sessions are split into three streams:

a five-part series for younger youth (11-14s),

a six-part series for older youth (14-18s)

and a twelve-part series for students and young adults (18+).”

<https://onelifeleaders.com/onelife-leadership-sessions>



GROWING LEADERS

Youth

Growing leaders youth course

“Designed to use with 14-18s, Growing Leaders Youth explores leadership in all contexts through the wisdom and encouragement in 1 and 2 Timothy. The eight session course grows teens in Christ-like character over nine months, equipping them to lead in their schools, churches and communities.

Research shows that the teenage years are a key time to invest in people as leaders. This is not only to ensure strong, effective leadership in the future, but also to equip young people for the key role they can play right now.

Building on our popular **Growing Leaders** course, author Ruth Hassall provides all you need to develop 14-18s as young leaders through interactive teaching, mentoring and practical projects.”



Training

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

[Key insights for church growth with children and youth ministry.](#)

And sign up for the next one here:

[Funding opportunities for growing children and youth ministry.](#)



“Wednesday 14th February, 2-3pm

Join us for a webinar with Benefact and hear directly from grant-making charities. Topics will include:

- **Opportunities available to local churches working with children and young people in their communities**
- **Grant opportunities currently open**
- **Helpful advice for churches looking to start new projects or grow existing ones**

The session will also cover practical advice for churches applying for grants, an overview of the grant making processes, and some examples of best practice when it comes to churches applying for and using grants.

There will be time for Q&A during the session.”

Messy Masterclass – Messy Church Goes Wild

Thursday 8 February 2024 1.00pm – 2.30pm Venue: on Zoom

Messy Church Young Leaders Online Meetup

Messy Church Young Leaders Online Meetup Monday 26 February, 6.00 pm

Messy Masterclass – Communion in Messy Church

Thursday 7, March 2024 – 1:00pm to 2:30pm Venue: on Zoom



Saturday 2 March, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm.

“A morning of online workshops to equip and inspire you in your Messy ministry. Why not arrange to attend with your whole team and then share lunch together and chat about what you’ve heard and how you can apply it to your context?”

<https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/messtival-2024/?>

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Training



Joined Up Conference
Victoria Hall, Sheffield
£15 per person, including a
Subway lunch
15 workshops plus key note
speaker.
Book online at
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The Additional Needs Blogfather is holding a series of webinar sessions:

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

Wed, 7 Feb 2024 19:30 GMT

'All Inclusive?' - Invited to Belong:2U

Mon, 12 Feb 2024 19:30 GMT

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/mark-arnold-the-additional-needs-blogfather-30541746080>



“Join us for our 2024 **Worship for Everyone** conference – Equip. Explore, be equipped and inspired to grow in intergenerational worship and discipleship both in church and at home. Including two keynote sessions where we’ll encounter God together and seminar streams from Worship for Everyone and Parenting For Faith. Come as a church leader or ministry leader and bring your teams, but also come if you are a parent or carer to explore how you can grow the worship in your family more intentionally.”

Saturday 18th May

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