

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter Jan 24

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and found some time to rest.

During Advent, I was made aware of The Fuel Cast devotionals and was really challenged by Rev Glenda Chadwick-Down as she spoke about Mary. Each year we read about how Mary was a young girl, and I knew it, but perhaps in the repeating it lost it's impact on me: **God entrusted his salvation plan to a young person.**

Our children and young people can hear God. God can use and does use them. Do we trust them in all that God has planned for them and the part they are to play?

Over the years I have seen children and young people rise to the occasion, meet higher and higher expectations, and teach and inspire those around them. And, still, I am left with the question **“do I underestimate our children and young people?”**

I will be thinking about this as I plan, as I speak, as I interact with children and young people, in schools, communities and churches this year. And I will be thinking of Mary, a young person trusted by God who knew her heart.

“Do we see in the young people that we know, the heart, the bravery and obedience that God saw in Mary?” Rev. Glenda Chadwick-Down

God bless you,
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Networking Opportunities

Everyone is invited to these zoom meetings to connect with and share with others in CYF Ministry. Bring a cuppa, your questions, your ideas and your stories.

**3rd
Feb**

Easter Swap Shop

Gather, pray & share ideas

9.30am-12pm

Please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIsdemsqTMjE9dqDtVv1G4STJhUwnwF9nhn>

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.

How can we get involved?

9.30am-12pm

**16th
Mar**

**4th
Apr**

Spring Harvest

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!



Saturday 13th January
Join in a day of celebration, exploring the lives of St Hild and St Hugh in word and craft, in prayer, pilgrimage and song.
Register at
lincoln.anglican.org/news/a-journey-with-st-hild-and-st-hugh



Resources

The Fuel Cast

The Fuel Cast is “a... short but powerful, biblical, devotional video every week day of the year...daily fuel for people who want to take their discipleship journey seriously and invest in their faith journey - we exist to help people of faith, strengthen their faith.”

“Pastors... Scholars... Youth Specialists.... You'll hear from a whole variety of speakers, from a whole variety of churches and organisations”

<https://www.thefuelcast.com>



Youth Updates

The Youth Update from Youth for Christ “is a regular drop of information around what’s going on in youth culture.

Exploring the digital world, trends, language, pop culture, issues, faith & spirituality and hot topics; each drop gives you a snapshot into 3 areas of youth culture designed to raise awareness and inspire you for your context.”

<https://yfc.co.uk/youthupdates/>



Padlet

As we move on from Christmas, we have our **Candlemas padlet** with talks, a Messy Church plan and craft ideas - and a **Lent & Easter** board too. Both will be updated over the next few weeks - please send in your ideas and resources:

<https://padlet.com/DioceaseofLincolnCFY>



If you have leftover Christmas Packaging, have a look at this **Rubbish Messy Church Session**, in partnership with Tearfund. You can find it here:

<https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/08/MC-Rubbish-session.pdf>

Youth Justice Survey

The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) are seeking the views of young people about justice and peace issues. The survey is open throughout January 2024. The results of the questionnaire will be presented in February and help create resources and training.

<https://jpit.uk/youth>



Training

The Church of England - Key insights for church growth with children and youth ministry

Tuesday 23rd January, 11am-12pm

Join us for this exciting webinar which will explore what makes a children and youth ministry flourish, including:

- Stories from growing churches
- Findings from research
- Lessons learnt along the way

There will also be time for questions and feedback from practitioners.

[Register here](#)



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/?](https://www.messychurch.brf.org.uk/messtival-2024/?fbclid=IwAR2HZX1nxxBx3NTay592WWKT4V58_-72nzTP-WTdeB500XKqTwksGhvM1nQ)

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Wednesday 17 January 2024 @ 1.00 - 2.00pm.

“Join the Messy Church team as we launch our latest ‘How to...’ video”

<https://www.brfonline.org.uk/products/how-to-feed-your-messy-church>

Other How to guides include “How to build your team, How to advertise your Messy Church and How to welcome people with SEND.



Online Messy Meet-up

Join the Messy Church team and gather with other Messy Church leaders to chat about session ideas for Lent and Easter.

Wednesday 24 January, 12.00–1.00 pm – [book here](#)

Wednesday 24 January, 7.30–8.30 pm – [book here](#)



Training

Hand in Hand Conference

2nd-4th February King's Centre, Eastbourne, BN23 6PT
Connect and reflect with other children and family ministers.

Come expecting to be inspired, challenged and encouraged as you meet with other children's leaders and hear from leading practitioners.

https://www.handinhandconference.com/?fbclid=IwAR21TiE38XmywI8zHHnLnKi4TJN4ft3q6OwbFdnRJ1f4etr_pw6XQIeaPyE



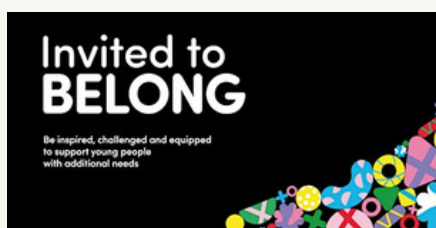
Joined Up Conference

Victoria Hall, Sheffield
£15 per person, including a Subway lunch
15 workshops plus key note speaker.
Book online at www.joinedupconference.com



The Additional Needs Blogfather is holding a series of webinar sessions:

- **All Inclusive? How to Include Autistic Children & Young People in Church**
Tue, 9 Jan 2024 19:30
- **'All Inclusive?' - Disability Equality**
Mon, 22 Jan 2024 19:30
- **'All Inclusive?' - Supporting Families**
Wed, 24 Jan 2024 19:30
- **'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>

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