

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter January 26

CYF Survey

Put your Church on the Map!

In our recent survey, our top CYF Ministry was "Special Services for Primary Schools.", welcoming children and families into church at key times of the year, like Christmas and Easter.

These can be great ways to build relationships with schools and with the local community.

Making the most of these opportunities can be as simple as inviting some church members to welcome, making tea and coffee for families or offering a 5 minute talk as part of the service.

Is your parish included?

[Complete the survey via this link](#) or scan the QR code to the right.

Let us know how we can support you, too.

Thank you.



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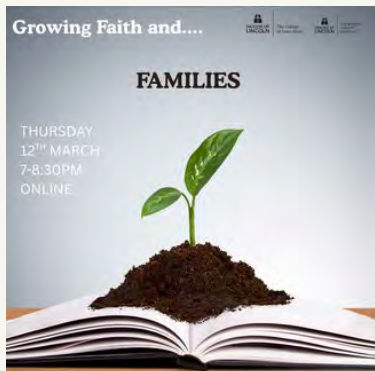
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Networking



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

Thurs 12th March - Growing Faith & Families

Tuesday 12th May - Growing Faith & Hearing the Voice of the Child

Thursday 9th July - Growing Faith & Resourcing



Grimsby Network 2nd Feb

1pm St Mark's

8th June

1pm City Church

5th October

1pm Cornerstone
Community Church

The Anglo-Catholic Children, Youth and Family Ministry Network is for anyone - laity or clergy - in voluntary or paid positions, involved in ministry with young people, for example through Sunday School, Messy Church, Toddler Groups, Youth Groups, School Assemblies, etc. For more details about joining the network, email* the convenor, Clare Williams, who will send you more details, including the link for the meeting.

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Resources



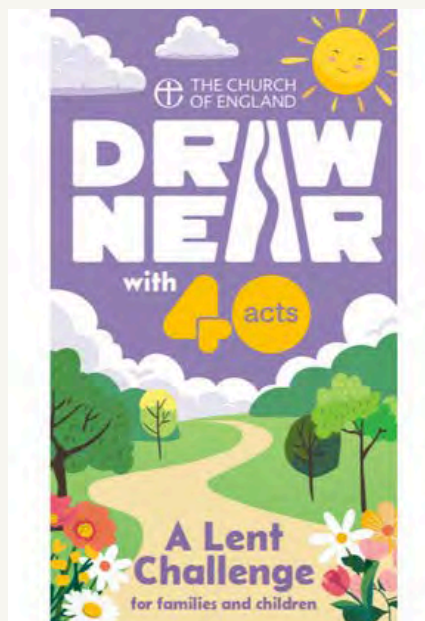
“A launch of a new Church initiative and booklet: [A Guide to Teddy and Dolly Church](#) is finally here!

'A Guide to Teddy and Dolly Church' is a complete training manual to be able to start running a Teddy and Dolly Church in your church.

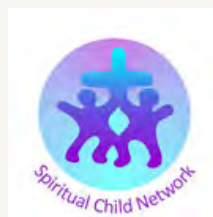
Are you looking for a new kind of church to invite children and adults to?
Something different to what has been before?

Teddy and Dolly church is a new kind of Church.

This is a new accessible church service for children and adults, one that encourages adults and children to go deeper into the bible, that leans on Ignatius Spirituality to unlock or open what might be going on spiritually. Ignatius Spirituality is for young children and those with additional needs too!”



Catch up with the [Church of England's webinar](#) launching their Lent and Easter resources



Spiritual Child Network

[Awe and Wonder](#)

[Together on the Way](#)

[Children's Ministry Matters](#)

[Celebrating children's spirituality, their insights, experiences, gifts and questions.](#)

[Discovering ways we can travel alongside children on our shared Christian journey of faith.](#)

[Providing support, ideas and resources for those involved in children's ministry within a Christian context.](#)

[Discover Lent & Easter Resources on our Padlet Board](#)

Resources



“Shine Films from Sctipture Union”

Films that make faith conversations possible.

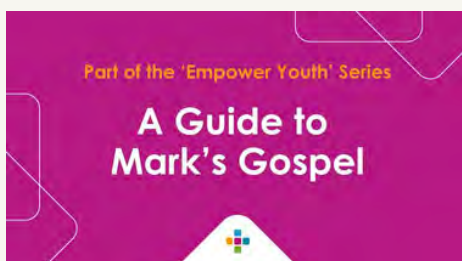
These beautifully shot films provide thought-provoking content and real-life stories that encourage honest dialogue about faith and make it easier for young people to share their experiences and perspectives with others, in a way that feels natural and accessible. And best of all, you can get the videos and guides for free from the [Shine Films website](#). Just register your details to get access.”

Reading with God – A Translating God Resource



A outline guide to a new way of reading the Bible with young people, based on Youthscape's Translating God research.

Reading with God offers four session that enable young people to read Scripture for themselves, ask big questions and comment freely on what they think the passage is about.



This course from CYM aims to empower young people with confidence in the foundations of their faith - the story of Jesus.

Designed for young people, young leaders as well as those in ministry, it takes you through who Jesus was and why His life was, and still is, so important.

20% off all online courses this month with the code 'HappyNewYear'



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Support for Families



Online courses and workshops for Christian foster, adoptive and SEND parents in need of some self-care.

We help you to explore creative, faith-based, self-care practices to soothe your nervous system, develop new regulation skills, and find a moment of peace, in community with others on the same journey.

Coming up:

Self-care workshop : Friday 27th February AM or PM
6 week course : Starts Monday 13th April PM

Find out more:

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As featured on the Parenting for Faith podcast!



Do you know someone who is NEW to Grandparenting?

We are running a course just for them, running on Friday lunchtimes from 13th February.

Packed with ideas, encouragement and real-life stories, the Grandparenting for Faith course will help new grandparents feel more confident in sharing Jesus with the newest members of their family as they grow.

[Click here to book](#)



Training



The Diocese of Lincoln are members of **LCVYS** - which means any group working with a young person aged 12 or more can access support and training for FREE.



Thursday 12th February
7.30 to 9.00 pm

This 90-minute live and interactive training session on Zoom will give you a great starting point for finding out about what Messy Church is (and isn't!), the Messy Church values, resources you need to start and how to make it a disciple-making community from the very beginning.

Wednesday 25th February 6.00 pm

Do you have young people aged 10–17 at your Messy Church? Why not invite them to join our next online meetup. This is an informal space for them to gather together for some Messy Church fun, food and friendship. Please ask a parent or carer to complete the permissions form to receive the Zoom details.



Take the Messy Church Survey

“Our short survey takes around 10 minutes
Approximate attendance figures are absolutely fine

We just need one response per Messy Church
Closes 20 February

Thank you so much for helping us learn, grow,
and serve the Messy Church network together”



Scripture Union offer a programme of training for those signed up to be a “Faith Guide”.

[Discover more](#)



Research & Support for You



What happens when non-Christian teenagers read the Bible with fresh eyes - no church language, no right answers?

Sometimes what they see is uncomfortable. And that's exactly the point.

In Translating God Part 3: Troubling Jesus, we listened to 14 - 18 year olds wrestle with stories we've long called "good news". What emerged wasn't just insight into how young people read Scripture - but how we have shaped the world they're reading it from.

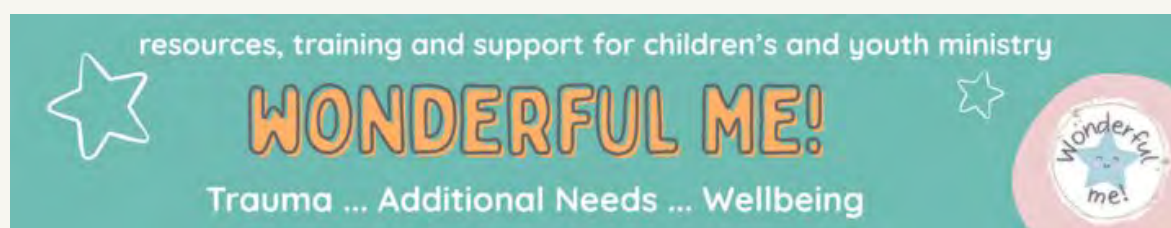
Their questions expose our blind spots. Their interpretations disrupt our defaults. Their honesty challenges the versions of Jesus we've made safe. This isn't about dumbing things down or tweaking the tone. It's about letting young people be prophets - and letting the Gospel unsettle us again.

Maybe the Church doesn't just have something to offer young people.

Maybe they have something to offer us.

Read Part 3 of the research:

www.youthscape.co.uk/store/product/troubling-jesus



The Flourish podcast has launched!

Exploring healthy, holistic and reflective children's and youth ministry
Episode 1 is available to listen to now - find it wherever you normally grab your podcasts

Share YOUR Story

We would love 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.

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Step Forward 2026 – Saturday 7th March 2026: Bookings Open 10.30am to 4pm

📍 Bishopthorpe Palace, York, England YO23 2GE

PROGRAMME

BOOK NOW

What is Step Forward?

A day for anyone aged 18 to 30 considering ministry in the Church of England. There will be:

- Time for worship, prayer and Bible study
- An opportunity to find out what being ordained is really like – its highs and lows
- Space to look at your own experience and what God might be calling you to in the future
- The chance to discover how the selection process and ordination training programmes work

Contact

youngvocations@lincoln.anglican.org
with your questions



Looking Ahead



SENIOR CHURCH LEADERS

Do you want to advance your ministry to children and families in your church?

- 1. Largest exhibition of children and family ministries in the UK.
- 2. Senior Leaders Track seminars for church leaders.
- 3. Meet leading specialists in ministry to the next generation.

Free place for Church Leaders

Conditions: One free place is available per church for the senior leader of the church only (i.e. vicar, minister, senior pastor or lead elder), when a member of their church has booked to attend the conference. This offer is available entirely at the organisers' discretion. To receive your free place, email: 1. Booking number of your church member, 2. The name of your church and 3. The name and email of the senior leader who the free place is for to info@handinhandconference.com



Youthscape are offering FIVE FREE TICKETS to their summer youth conference, **Satellites**, for all new groups.

“If you're ready to begin that process, you can sign up you group right now - [here](#). The free tickets will be added to your account soon after you create your group.

However - if you are thinking of coming along for the first time then you may have lots of questions or concerns. And we really, really want to help answer them if we can.

They are holding “6 free hour-long zoom sessions to take you through every step of the group-organising process. The first one is going to be held on the 1st Dec at 7.30pm, and it'll be your first opportunity to ask questions and find out more about Satellites. In this first session we'll explain the booking process, tell you a bit about what to expect at the event, and preview the rest of the series. The other five will take place in the first half of next year.

If you'd like to come along, you could either sign-up on the online form [here](#),”

