

# Children's Youth & Families

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On 17<sup>th</sup> May, following 8 months of study, our  
**Catalyst** cohort graduated at St Marks,  
Newnham, Cambridge.

It was a privilege to journey with them; to learn  
from them, be challenged and inspired by them  
and to see their heart and passion for the CYF  
they serve.

We're hoping to offer the **Catalyst** course  
again, this autumn. Please get in touch if this will  
support your ministry.

## RECOGNISE

**How will you be celebrating & saying thank  
you?**

"RECOGNISE (7-13 July) is a national week of  
recognition for everyone involved in ministry with  
children, young people, and their families.

Sunday 13 July is a day for churches nationwide to  
celebrate and thank those involved in this vital ministry.  
Here at the 30k Project, we want to RECOGNISE all the  
hard work of those serving in CYPF Ministry. There are  
so many individuals giving tirelessly to nurture the faith of  
the emerging generations. Through this event, we hope  
to create a wave of appreciation and echo our heartfelt  
thanks across the Church.

[Sign up via this form](#)"

**And don't forget to share your  
celebrations with us, too!**

## CELEBRATE



## Networking



 **The Society**  
under the patronage of Saint Wilfrid and Saint Hilda

### **Anglo-Catholic CYF Workers Network** **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm on Zoom**

To register your place, email Clare  
[clarewilliamsyouthwork@gmail.com](mailto:clarewilliamsyouthwork@gmail.com)

Date for your diary:

**In person conference,  
7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> November**

A national network for anyone - laity or clergy - involved in voluntary or paid positions, who are involved in ministry with young people.



**Join Lincoln Diocese's  
Growing Faith  
Network**

### **Curious about Growing Faith?**

"The Church of England are offering a webinar to explore an exciting new resource designed to answer that very question!

June 17<sup>th</sup> Online @ 3pm

"Discover a vibrant, interactive online platform filled with engaging activities and thought-provoking discussion points—all created to help you place children and young people at the heart of all you do. Whether you're just starting out or looking to deepen your approach, this resource will guide and inspire you every step of the way."

**Register**



# Training



“**Thriving Families**” will help you grow your skills and practice when working with under 5s and their families.

Monday 16th June  
10am-2.15pm  
Online  
[Book now](#)

## Talking Toddlers Research

“Who wants to join us as we pray for God's Kingdom to come in families and toddler groups across the country?”

[Sign up](#) “



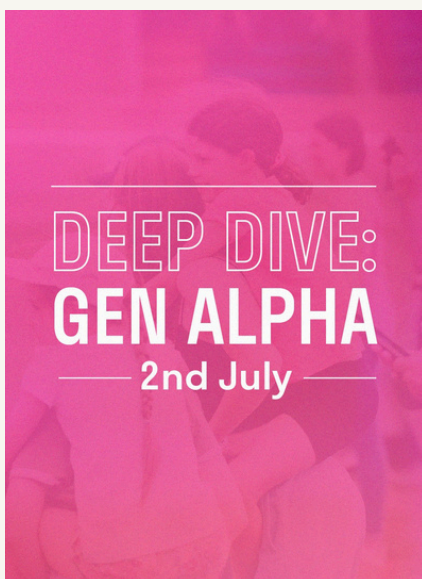
## Children & Screens

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
5pm Online

“In an increasingly online world, we are only beginning to understand the effects - both beneficial and detrimental - of digital media on children's development. What should parents and professionals know about setting appropriate limits and choosing digital content wisely?”

[Sign up](#)

# Training



## Generation Alpha - Curious, Creative and Pre-Christian

Weds 2nd July

7- 8.45pm

“Join the Youthscape Essentials team as we look at Generation Alpha...

Want to know more about how this generation explores and builds faith? Over 90 mins we'll explore who Gen Alpha are, and how to shape youth ministry that really connects with them. We'll look at why fidget spinners are out and Squishmallows are in, explore their spiritual openness and how you might build a Friday night youth group that they'll actually want to come back to...

The session includes pause points for discussion, moments to practice what might work for your youth groups and time to reflect.

Reserve your spot for £5



## Growing Young Disciples Academy

“Seminary level training in children's, youth and family ministry. An opportunity to equip all those serving children and young people in the local church.

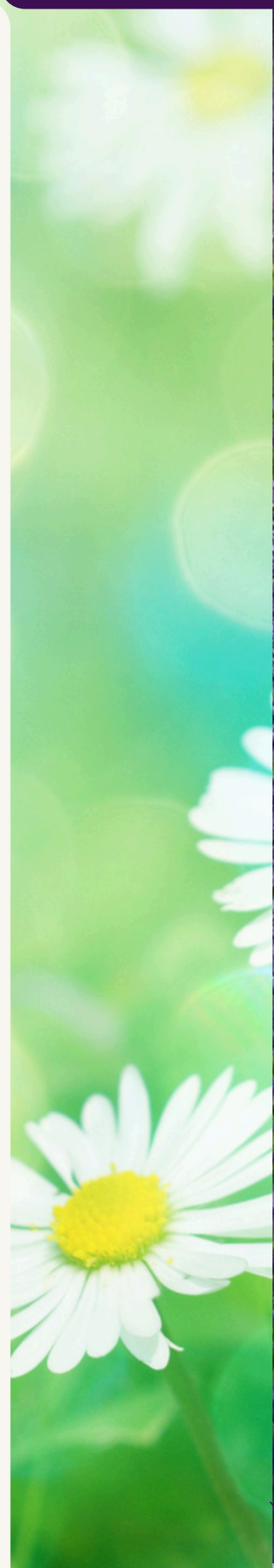
Accessible entirely online, our comprehensive programme delves into essential topics such as the biblical foundations of children's and youth ministry, the spiritual growth and development of young hearts, and the crucial aspects of pastoral care for children and adolescents.

## Growing Young Disciples Fortify

They are designed to be short courses, highly interactive and rich with practical ideas and helpful ministry suggestions each week. The courses are open to everyone; come individually or with a group from church.

- Teaching the Bible to the Next Generations
- Children's Ministry
- Discipling Digital Natives
- Youth Ministry
- Ministry to Under 5's

## Discover more about their courses





# Training



## Trauma Informed Children's Church

"Children bring their whole selves to church, and sometimes, that includes the impact of trauma.

Join us for this practical webinar training, designed to equip children's workers/volunteers to understand and respond to the effects of trauma in their ministry.

**Book via their website**

"You are invited to join the Messy Church team online to hear all about our exciting new project, **Messy Momentum**, and how you can get involved.

Messy Momentum is seeking to enable Messy Churches to **better engage with young people** and more fully encompass our 'all-age' value through a range of pilot approaches, and to do that, we need your help.

Tuesday 1 July, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Friday 11 July, 12.00 - 1.00 pm



You can register for these events, discover more and check out the Messy Church blog [here](#).



**Thursday 24 July 2025,**  
7.30 – 9.00 pm

## 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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## Resources



Looking to encourage your church families to get into the Bible together?

These **Summer Family Devotions** are free.

“The SFD25 is a bunch of digital downloads with very short, simple devotions (this year covering the book of Ruth), puzzles and activities, colouring sheets, quizzes, memory verses, and so much more.

It's a real pick-and-mix devo - you select what works for your family's age and stage. There's stuff in the pack that would engage 3-15yr olds, although it's broadly aimed at primary age.”

### What great plans do you have for the summer?

#### Holiday Club resources:



Transitions can be exciting, but also a little overwhelming. Running a transition prayer space can help students explore their feelings and help them process the change in school. They offer Year 6 pupils a moment to pause, reflect and, if they want, the opportunity to try praying.

Why not add a specific prayer activity or two in your planning for your prayer spaces this month?

How do you support transition?  
Let us know your great ideas for  
our **Padlet Board**

Find out more about **Prayer Spaces in  
Schools**



## Resources - Reading

“The latest Wonderful Me! blogpost is now live  
- and it’s all about Welcome.

Check it out on the [Wonderful Me!](#)  
[website](#):

**Want to consider YOUR welcome? We  
have a self audit tool to help. You can  
find it on our [DLP](#).**



### Investing Together

“What does it mean to invest together? To authentically and meaningfully work together – collaborating between ministry organisations and denominations, across generations, between geographic regions, amongst those of different ethnicities, backgrounds and contexts? For the sake of sharing the gospel with the children and young people around us.

On 14th May, there was an inspiring, pioneering, informative gathering of 70 ministry practitioners and academics to consider how research insights could be used to inform and shape ongoing ministry... The aim was to work together to co-create a research-informed collective charter for the UK church about their interactions with children and young people in 2026.

**Find out more** about the day, including significant research insights.



For 11-18s, **“Who is God and why it matters”** asks “In a world of chaos, suffering, war, online anarchy and environmental worry can you really believe in God? Is God there? Is God fair? Does God care?

This book explores who God is and how we can understand the way he works in the world. We explore his nature, identity, being and character and see what difference that makes to our worries and our questions.

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