

Children's Youth & Families

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Don't let your young adults miss out!

FUTURE YOUTH



FUTURE YOUTH, the new strand of the Ministry Experience Scheme, is a chance for people with an interest in church ministry to spend a year growing in young people and children's ministry.

But it's more than just an experience. It's a chance for young people to be championed and for churches to be grown.

For more details please get in touch
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Applications close 7th May

- Aged 18 – 30 And Want To Explore Your Faith Further?
- Feel Called To Christian Ministry But Not Sure Where To Start?

Watch this video to hear Mark's experience



Thank you for all you do,
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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
August 3 - 10, 2025

Networking



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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.

**20th May
7-8pm**

**1st July
7-8pm**



Register

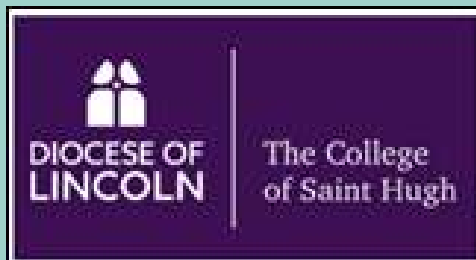
Last time, we were joined by Rev. Matt Rodgers who shared about Growing Faith in Grimsby and how children are excited to receive Bibles!

In May, we're thinking about Growing Faith from a **school's perspective**. Lynsey Norris, the Assistant Director of Education for Lincoln Diocese, shares the challenges and the opportunities. Do join us!

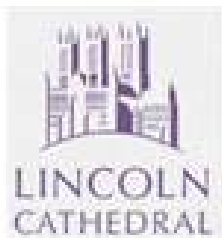
Discover more about Growing Faith, watch our webinar and listen to their podcast via our [Digital Learning Platform](#).

Sign up to receive this newsletter via a short form:
[CYF Newsletter Sign Up](#)

Networking



Choral
Churches
Network



As part of growing links through the network, we have been planning events to bring Choirs together, over the summer and autumn, for Choirs and for Junior Choirs, too.

Look out for the story of “The Big Sing” - a schools project with Boston Stump - coming out soon!

Our next meeting will be online at 6.45pm

Tuesday 20th May. Do join us!

Email nick.brown@lincolncathedral.com



Anglo-Catholic CYF Workers Network

**Tuesday 17th June at 7.30pm on
Zoom**

To register your place, email Clare
clarewilliamsyouthwork@gmail.com

Date for your diary:

**In person conference,
7th - 9th November**

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

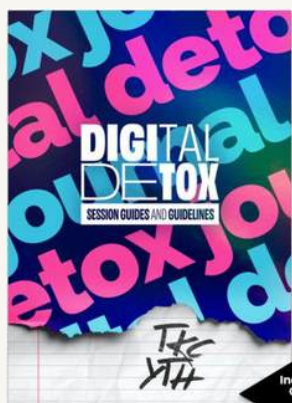
Resources

For the 10th anniversary of **Thy Kingdom Come**, they are challenging young people to take on a Digital Detox, with a journal and youth group sessions to support them.

There's also 4 new Cheeky Panda episodes, sticker sheets and additional resources for schools, homes and at church.

You can order your resources now.

Catch up with the [launch webinar](#)



The Life Exhibition

is a multi-media experience designed for primary school children which complements and works alongside existing RE teaching.



The exhibition is often FREE to schools thanks to the sponsorship of local churches and Counties. It is aimed at Year 5 & Year 6 pupils,



Toddler Ministry Resources

It's not just a parent & toddler group

12 top tips for school readiness



The **National Month of Prayer for Toddler Groups** is back in June and "Resources... can be found on the 1277.org.uk website.

It includes a poster, prayer stations - an outline of a session/service, 30 day diary etc to follow.

Here is the link to an activity pack created by Lucie Hutson from Muddy Church."

Get OWT!

"Get OWT! (Get Outside With Toddlers) is a family-oriented programme that encourages families with young children to get outside and encounter nature in a safe and supportive environment. It is based around creative and sensory activities for carers and children to participate in together. The programme shares the good news of God's love and encourages connection, wonder, care for creation and a sense of wellbeing."



Great Resource Recommendations from our Network Meetings:

"The Play Along Bible" by Bob Hartman

Getting family feedback

Song Bags - with toys / stones / items that represent songs that children can pick to sing

Carpet spot to gather on

Toast at the table

"It's Your Next Step" – booklet for starting school from Scripture Union

"10ofthose" website for bulk buying books to gift

Singing super simple songs

Making prayer cards available for anonymous requests

Story bags / basket, with bits in to tell help the story

Sum Up machines

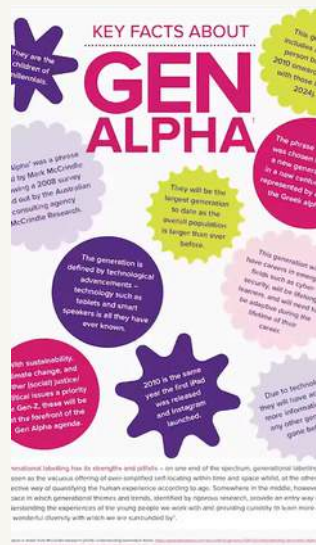
Birthday prayer cards

What are your recommendations?

Resources - Reading

“In this new issue of The Story, we share some key reflections on Gen Alpha.

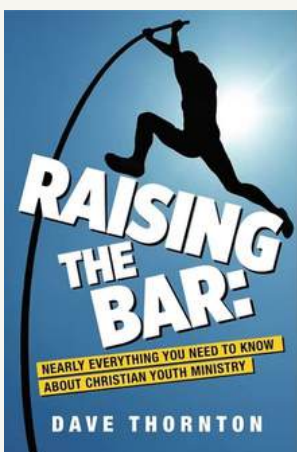
Published four times a year, The Story is a handy digest of UK and international research relevant to work with young people. View the latest edition online and search our archive of previous editions to inform your work and stay up-to-date with key findings.
Grab yours for free.



“When I started in youth ministry...

I knew hardly anything, apart from the 'Try to eat chocolate with a knife and fork' game. In this book, I've attempted to pass on (nearly) everything I've learnt in my 28 years of ministry since that day, so you grow as fast as you can, blessing you, the young people you serve and the Church.”

Raising the Bar



The “Church Youth Ministry” website also has a blog, escape rooms (there’s a great Easter one to bookmark for next year!), discussion starters, training resources and much more.

Growing Young Disciples

“Are you eager to enhance your reading habits while staying connected to the latest trends in children's, youth, and family ministry?

Immerse yourself in eight captivating books over the year, with each month dedicated to a new exploration. Take the opportunity to indulge in a month-long deep dive into each book’s insights, then come together with fellow participants for engaging 90-minute discussions on Zoom. It’s not just about reading—it’s about fostering reflection and community in the pursuit of ministry excellence. Join us on this enriching journey of learning and growth!”



Training - ALM CYF Module

**Starts Mon
2nd June**

**ALM Children, Youth &
Families Pilot Module**

**6.30pm -
9.00pm**

Through video, reading, Bible Studies, discussion and reflection, the course considers topics including

- **Spirituality**
- **Leadership**
- **Youth Culture**
- **Practical considerations**
- **Inclusive Practice**
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Dates:

2nd June, 9th June, 16th June, 30th June
7th July, 14th July, 21st July

The course may be held in various locations in the south of the Diocese (eg Holbeach / Spalding / Boston) and online, dependent on the needs of the cohort.
We will ensure all buildings are wheelchair accessible with toilet facilities.

Who is the course for?

The Children, Youth and Families Module is for anyone involved in CYF ministry - ALMs, Readers, CYM ministers and volunteers.

How do I apply?

Everyone is welcome, and ALMs should discuss roles their church leader.

Register your interest on our [Digital Learning Platform](#).

If you are applying from beyond the local deanery, they will need to be in contact with your local priest and/or rural dean to secure their support.

Training

“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.



Monday 19 May –
6.00 pm
on Zoom

For young people aged 10-17



Tuesday 25th May -
7.30pm
On Zoom



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



the Digital Youth Work Learning Zone.

“Young people’s lives are increasingly digitalised in so many ways and youth workers have a role in helping young people to navigate the digital aspects of their lives, but this isn’t something we are automatically confident in.

New technology also gives us lots of opportunities to enhance our youth work practice, to engage young people and their creativity and amplify their voices in different ways.

This introductory course enables youth workers to explore what’s involved in delivering Digital Youth Work and look at tools, platforms and resources.”



Training



Sat, 7 Jun 2025 09:15 - 16:30
Elim, Butts, Coventry, CVI 3GR

"This training event fully focuses on working with children and young people with additional needs, in a church context.

Our aim is to equip you in a professional manner, but also equip you as you are, in your current context, with your current resources and current understanding.

It's important to know you don't need to be qualified to be inclusive, because when you see the need and the importance of this, God will give you all you need to love and care and teach all children and young people, and in that create a space for our children and young people to 'Belong'.

You are not alone on this journey, let's do it together!"



Embracing Differences
Thursday 22nd May 2025 .

Grimsby Baptist Church, 246-248 Laceby Road, Grimsby, DN34 5DW
(Tea & Coffee on arrival at 6:30pm).

"To embrace means: to love, to accept and include someone.

During this seminar, in addition to gaining more awareness about the autism spectrum, you will be able to have insight into how far the church has come from welcoming people in the building, to allowing them to belong and supporting their spiritual needs wherever they are.

You will learn strategies and ways in which your church can move forward and become a place of worship for all, and a community of God's children who accept each other just as they are."

Events - RECOGNISE

“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.



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.



Looking for resources for schools, households or churches?

For Pentecost?

Find some inspiration on our

Padlet Board - below are some of the ideas posted there.

A portrait of a young Black man with a beard and short dark hair, smiling. He is wearing a green t-shirt. The photo is tilted slightly to the right.

FUTURE YOUTH

Gaining experience in young people
and children's ministry

Future Youth meant that I could do a placement at an established church, while also pioneering a new youth project at IMPRINT Leicester. I hope this will help me improve my caring for people, being a mentor for youth and my evangelism to bring Jesus to people.

Joshua Leicester Diocese



the ministry experience scheme

My MES year gave me a passion for reaching children and young people who do not know Jesus. I grew so much in my confidence and became more independent in ministry whilst still being empowered and stretched in a collaborative environment. Having people believe in me and my gifting allowed me to explore avenues I wouldn't have on my own. I am excited for what this means going forward.

Grace

Southwell and Nottingham Diocese



Find out more at cofe.io/mes



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