

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter Nov 24

Have you heard about our vision for a CYF Enabler near you?

We're really excited that 2 successful applications have been made to the Transformation Fund to support the employment of an Enabler whose role will be to support and help parishes develop CYF ministry across their Deanery Partnership.

You can find out more by watching a [short video](#).

Thank you for all you do.

God bless,

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Please let us know about your ministry

The QR code below will take you to a simple form to let us know what's going on with children, young people and families in your LMP.

Messy Church, Open the Book, youth groups, choirs, drop ins, all age services... whatever the project, help us to hear about and celebrate what's going on across the Diocese.

Thank you to everyone who's already been able to complete the form.



Networking



The next meeting will be held on
Tuesday 26th November
at 7.30pm on Zoom.

To join this network, please email Clare
clarewilliamsyouthwork@gmail.com

**Anglo-Catholic Children, Youth and Family Workers
Network**

Growing Faith

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



11th Feb
7-8pm

20th Mar
7-8pm

20th May
7-8pm

1st July
7-8pm

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

Resources

Amnesty!

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.



From Acet UK & YouthScape: **Is it OK?** "Is it OK that she sent me that picture? Is it OK that he said that? Is it OK that they asked me to send those images? Is it OK if I share these with other people?"

#isitOK? is a set of simple games that quickly creates deep discussion among young people. Each uses a set of cards that depict examples of images and texts sent by young people based on real life examples from Bedfordshire Police. The images have been recreated using mannequin dummies meaning they are appropriate to look at but still authentic. The games were developed and piloted with the help of young people and the result is a set of activities that quickly draws out the key issues."

Adventure - Advent devotions for young people from The Resource - free to download!



Last minute Remembrance resources?

Getting ready for Advent & Christmas?

Find some inspiration on our **Padlet Board** - and please share your great ideas to help others, too.

Advent & Christmas Resources



Follow the Star

“How your church can engage with children and young people this Christmas: Get a first look at the new resources for under-18s, along with practical ways to engage at church, at home and in schools.

[Watch this webinar on-demand now.](#)”



“**Jesus: Truth or Fairytale** is a free, compelling video that asks the simple, but profound question - what if this story we tell each year was real? Through a creative spoken word, this video unpacks the harsh reality of the Christmas story...

This video has been created as a multi-use resource that can be played in small group discussions, on school television screens, in youth Church services, in lessons or assemblies, or shown on phones in detached work. There is both a titled and subtitled version for greater accessibility.

This video makes for a brilliant introduction into thinking about the Christmas narrative, or as a helpful conversation starter.”

The Christmas Story in Lego

With Sunday School plans, advent activities, podcasts, an all age service plan and a video!



Bible Society Resources

“A cosy and creative reading of The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light, great to show in your church and school.”

A pop up nativity and "Who can it be?" toddler book, craft and activities.



Training & Events

ADVENTURE OF A lifetime



“This year at the **National Youth Ministry Weekend**, we're going to ask perhaps the toughest and most important question of discipleship: how do we make it stick?

So many young people start out on the road of faith, but soon end up in the ditches of doubt, distraction and despair. What can we do to give them the best chance of growing lifelong faith?”

We have a spare ticket - do get in touch with Micki if you know a youthworker or volunteer who could benefit from it - by 15th November.

Get in touch if you're planning to go - it would be great to connect.

The next **Church of England Vision Webinar:**

Resourcing work with children, young people and families in our churches
Friday 15th @10am

You can also catch up with other vision webinars you may have missed.



Equip Children's Ministry Volunteer Training: **Preparing Well**

You will leave this session with skills to help stay focused, keep your lesson moving in the right direction and getting everyone on board as you go.

Thu 14 Nov 2024 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM Online

Training & Events

Book onto these and further Messy Church Events



Tuesday 12 Nov,
7.30 – 9.00 pm on
Zoom



Thursday 11 Nov,
Lunchtime &
Evening sessions on
Zoom



Young Leaders
Meetup
Monday 25th Nov,
6.00pm on Zoom



Looking Ahead...



Training & Events



save the date!

Join us for the Diocese of Lincoln's Youth Pilgrimage to **Taizé**

with the **Bishop of Grantham** for those **aged 18 - 30**
see learn.lincoln.anglican.org
August 3 - 10, 2025

There's a wonderful opportunity for young people to join a week-long youth pilgrimage to Taizé in France.

Young adults age 18 - 30 are very welcome.

It's time set aside to search for communion with God through community, prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing.

During a visit, all participants join in the community life of Taizé and the daily programme.

More details will be announced soon.

[Find out more and register your interest](#)