

# Training and Resources Digest



## *A message from Sarah Spencer, Mission and Discipleship Officer:*

At this time of year there is such a clamour for our attention! Driving to an appointment this week, immersed in the noise and the busy-ness, I was interrupted by Gods presence, in the stillness and quietness beyond; the gentleness of the winter colours, creation's downtime all around.

In this month's Bulletin we are delighted to offer you the gift of some last-minute Christmas resources, alongside resources looking ahead to 2025. Maybe grab a coffee, find a window to stare out of and have a browse as you explore possibilities that lie ahead.

## College Events and Resources (Pages 1 - 3)

Opportunities delivered by our team.

## External events and resources (Pages 4 - 9)

From across the Church of England and beyond.

## Eco Resources (Page 10)

Equip yourself for a greener future.

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Apply for sums to help your church.

# College Events

**29th March 2025**



ALM Module  
Training  
for Leaders

**New Date:** This day at Edward King House is for anyone who is planning to deliver the ministry specific ALM training modules. Please email [alice.maikuma@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:alice.maikuma@lincoln.anglican.org) to reserve a place.

**Focal Ministry Training**



If you are interested in becoming a Focal Minister, please contact the Oversight Minister for your church in the first instance.

**2025 Diocesan Lent Course**



The Lent Course 2025

TEACH US  
TO PRAY

Our Lent Course for 2025 explores prayer through the lens of some of the simplest things we ever learn to say: please; wow; sorry; and ouch. The course is designed to be used in a group or individually. Download or Read the Lent course for 2025 [here](#).

**Click or tap here for all Events**

# College Resources

## Tip of The Month

### Taken from the popular '10 Top Tips' - Reading in Church



Set aside time to read the text out loud to yourself a few times. Reflect on its meaning. Imagine its original context. What was the author trying to say? What needs emphasising? Whose voices are present?

## Diocesan Newsletters

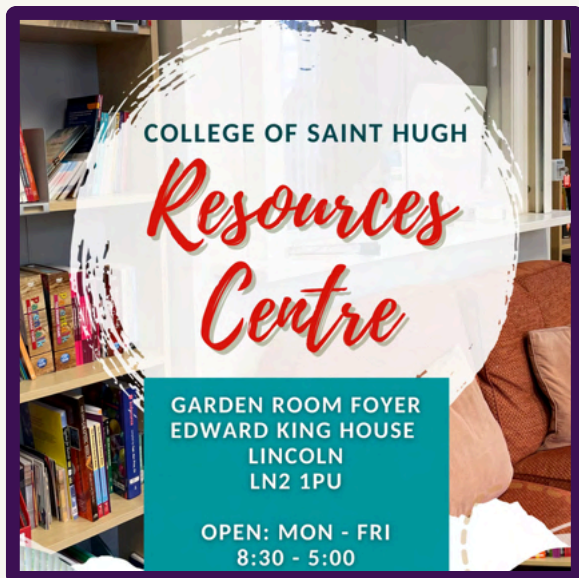
*Here are the most recent newsletters from various teams. We appreciate some event dates have now passed but there is still much information of interest.*

[Children, Youth and Families Dec](#)

[Church Buildings Team Nov](#)

[Generous Living Autumn](#)

## The Resources Centre



The centre is a lending library of Christian resources. Borrowing is free of charge and resources are available to all church groups and leaders across our Diocese. You can also book time in the Garden Room for private study.

[find out more](#)

[resource list](#)

## Share your events, ideas and resources with us!

- Hosting any training or study events you would like to open up to the whole Diocese?
- Do you produce a resource of some kind, such as an advent course, which could be used by others in their mission and ministry?

Send to the College of St Hugh via [collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org) and we can share the details far and wide!

# Which strand is right for me?



**Everyone is at a stage in their spiritual journey.  
Find out where you are and what events are suitable.**

## Discover - New Disciples

For those who are not yet Christians or those who are new to the faith. These resources are useful for inviting new disciples through evangelism.

## Grow - Developing Disciples

For developing discipleship or looking to deepen their faith through its teaching.

## Discern - Exploring Vocation

For those exploring vocations and supporting pastoral interactions. This could be the

## Train - Specific Roles

For those preparing for specific roles within a vocation and learning to equip others for ministry and mission.

## Continue - Mature Disciples

For those who are mature in faith and want a refresh or want to continue building on their spiritual knowledge and understanding.

# Discover

## Advent Reflections



Focussing on Generosity. This is a series of four sessions looking at generosity through the eyes of characters in the Nativity story, as we prepare to celebrate the greatest of gifts at Christmas.

## Central Reader's Council



The new Central Reader's Council website is now live. It is to support all kinds of lay ministry within the Church of England and Church in Wales.

You will find stories, resources, and book reviews, as well as useful information for Wardens, lay ministers, and those exploring Licensed Lay ministry.

## Assistance needed



Do you have experience in putting a Welcome Pack together? What have you included? What's working best? If you have any suggestions or advice please contact Andrew Alsop, Churchwarden at Withamside on 01522 788748, or [thealsops@chibley.co.uk](mailto:thealsops@chibley.co.uk)

## Christmas Resources



Find new ideas from the Christmas Resources from Kidderminster West Team Children's Ministry:  
[Christmas ABCs video](#)  
[ABC Work book](#)  
[Nativity Hunt](#)

## Do you believe this?



Resources for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025  
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## 1st March 2025 10-4pm



Faith & the Environment Lincolnshire invite you to the 'Facing the Storm' Conference - Being a Church in an Age of Crisis. Location: Bridge Church, Portland Street, Lincoln.

**Click or tap here for all upcoming  
'Discover' Events**



# Grow

## BRF Resources



Are you organised for Advent and Christmas yet? BRF have some fantastic resources for individuals, small groups and churches.

## Advent & Christmas Resources



The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024 is Follow the Star: Calm and Bright. Discover the Webinars and Resources for churches, schools and individuals.

## 3rd - 10th August 2025



For ages 18 - 30. Join us for the Diocese of Lincoln's Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé with the Bishop of Grantham. [Register your interest here.](#)

## 'How to' Films



The 'How to' films address some of the most pressing questions raised by Children's and Youth Ministers and volunteers. A new film will be released every Friday, from today until 27 June 2025.

## CYF Questionnaire



Please fill out this questionnaire on Mission and Ministry opportunities with Children, Youth and Families in your LMP.

## 2nd - 4th June 2025



The Deaf Ministry Conference at the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick will be free to attend. All are welcome. Booking available soon, please save the date. [BSL Video.](#)

**Click or tap here for all upcoming  
'Grow' Events**

# Discern

## Anna Chaplaincy



There are diocesan funds to support training for Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend. Enquire via: [anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org)

## Open Days 2025



Contact us to book your place on a St Hild Lincoln Open Day. Come along to get the answers to all your questions about our courses and community.

25th January  
15th March  
26th April  
3rd May

## Camino



A new guided learning programme designed to apprentice future resource church leaders and other Church of England incumbents involved in strategic church planting.

## January - March 2025



A short course on Rural Mission and Ministry, is available to all involved in working with rural parishes and communities, lay and ordained.

## St Hild Short Courses



St Hild is offering four short courses at the start of January. Online: New Testament Greek. Hybrid: Hebrew, Intro to New Testament and Rural Mission & Ministry. If you hold a degree and are looking for a quick refresher or continuing education opportunity, these courses could be perfect for you. If you're considering a shorter course to explore your interest in theology, this is an excellent choice.

## 21st - 23rd March 2025

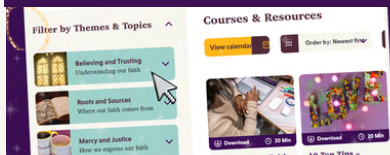


Save the date for the Festival of Chaplaincy Lincoln Cathedral. Three days of guest speakers & exhibitions, and an opportunity to dine at 'The Table for the Nation.'

**Click or tap here for all upcoming  
'Discern' Events**

# Training

## Learn, Grow, Share



Designed to help everyone to take their next step in the journey of faith, the platform represents a significant step forward for supporting each other in Christian mission, ministry and discipleship all over the Diocese. Sign up today!

## 18th and 20th February



Come to a “roundtable” webinar for anyone interested in the “Dwelling in the Word” practice, new and established practitioners. Attend a two hour free webinar February (18th or 20th). Full details via EventBrite: [churchmissionsociety.org/roundtable](https://churchmissionsociety.org/roundtable)

## Rural Mission and Ministry Course



20th – 21st May 2025:  
Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester.  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 6JS

24th-25th Sept 2025:  
Wydale Hall, Wydale Lane, Scarborough  
YO13 9DF

## Church Development Tool



A tool for churches to help set priorities and a way of planning together. Simple, effective and encouraging. [Step by Step video instructions.](#)

## New Guidelines



New guidelines for children and youth ministry in personal homes. To help those in CYPF ministry to navigate the necessary safeguarding considerations of hosting the event in a personal home, and ensure that all events are well planned and safe for all.

**Click or tap here for all upcoming  
'Train' Events**



# Continue

## Service of the Word



The College  
of Saint Hugh

### Service of the Word for Advent.

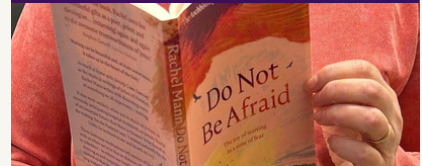
These services of the word are designed to be used with the Homilies Project. Seasonal variations are available for the year.

## Grove Discipleship

### The Nicene Creed and the Bible

Richard Steel's new book published by Grove, in time for the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea next year will help you think through the meaning of the beliefs we express Sunday by Sunday for our day to day lives.

## Advent Book



The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 'Do Not Be Afraid' by Rachel Mann includes a reflection, prayer and questions for each day which can be used by individuals and groups.

## Journeys 2025



The 2025 programme of inspiring pilgrim-journeys from ecumenical Christian organisation *Journeying* through Britain and Ireland. Walking retreats fully inclusive of accommodation, transport, entrance fees and meals.

## 15th February 2025



Fellowship, Renewal and Blessing at 1pm. St Michaels Church, Great Coates Lane, DN34 4ND  
Starting 12.00 noon with lunch. A time together in celebration of collaborative ministry. Please RSVP for catering purposes to [warden.layministry@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:warden.layministry@lincoln.anglican.org)

## 9th - 11th Sept 2025



The Wonder of Words. College of Preachers' Preaching Conference at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Further information and booking links available from January 2025.

**Click or tap here for all upcoming  
'Continue' Events**

# Churches' Environment Network

Book your place on these half-termly zooms and connect with others across the diocese to explore how we are better caring for God's creation. With guest speakers from across the diocese and support from experts in their field. Bring your questions and your stories! Its good to connect. [www.lincoln.anglican.org/diocesan-environmental-network](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/diocesan-environmental-network)

2025

15  
Jan  
19:00



## Buildings & Water

Water, both a problem and gift for our buildings. Examining how we work well with the water we receive, we use and release.

12  
Mar  
19:00



## Worship & Water

A Theological look at water, reflecting on Lincolnshire & Polynesian perspectives

14  
May  
19:00



## Community & Water

How can we as church respond to the needs of our community when faced with too much or too little water? Building resilience

9  
Jul  
19:00



## Land & Water

Without water there would be no life. What then of our relationship with land and all that lives there in advocating and acting for water?

# Eco-Resources

## Environment Calendar 2025

The calendar includes key events with links. The Environment Programme exists to enable the whole Church to address these threats — in faith, practice and mission.

## Net Zero Carbon Team Visit Request Form

Please use this online form to request a site visit from the NZC Team.

It is a short form which will enable you to give dates and times which work for you.

Once submitted, the NZC Team will be in touch to confirm the details for your visit.



## Quick Wins Grant (Net Zero Carbon 2030)

The Church of England Environment Programme has generously provided the Diocese of Lincoln with over £65k to distribute to our churches. The fund we could give to your church would support small and quick actions that reduce energy and cut your carbon footprint. We're giving away up to £3000 (and in exceptional circumstances up to £10,000).



# Grants and Funding

Through the work of the Bishop of Lincoln, a range of grants are available to be applied for by individuals, parishes, schools, Parish Partnerships, Local Mission Partnerships and church organisations across the Diocese of Lincoln. These grants range from £100 to £20,000 and are made to advance wellbeing, to encourage local projects that support a strategy for growth, particularly where there is insufficient local income or reserves to pay for them. Full details on:

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/parish-support/finance/grants/>

## Community Grocery



To bridge the gap between food banks and supermarkets by helping local residents with their weekly food shops.

## Older People on Low Incomes



Grants can be used to cover essential expenses such as purchasing a new fridge, paying unexpected bills, food, clothing, or covering gas & electricity costs.

## Individuals & Families in Need



Grants of up to £2,000 are available to charities, housing associations, schools and social services providing support for individuals and families across the UK who are in financial need.

## Children, Youth & Families Funding



Apply for funding (£10K per annum for 3 yrs) for a CYF Enabler for your Deanery Partnership. Please get in touch with [Micki.Carey-Slater@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:Micki.Carey-Slater@lincoln.anglican.org) first.

## Adam Myland Fund



Funding for licensed Readers wishing to undertake further study. The grant may be used to supplement fees or for necessary books and resources.



# Contact us

## Meet Our Team

We are here to support you at whatever stage you are on your Christian journey. [Find out who we are and how we can help.](#)



[See more about us on the Diocesan website](#)

## Featured Team Members

**Clare Lindsay and Lynne Smith are the Wardens of Lay Ministry.**

Clare's particular responsibility is to ensure that Lay Ministry within the Diocese of Lincoln is nurtured, shaped and sustained with respect to local need, to new deployment patterns following A Time to Change Together, and to national developments in the field of Licensed and Accredited Lay Ministry. Lynne has as particular responsibility for building networks of lay ministers and supporting and nurturing them in their ministries.

Contact Clare and Lynne to discuss:

- The range of lay ministry roles and opportunities across the Diocese of Lincoln
- Local, deanery or diocesan discernment processes for lay ministries
- The various selection, training and commissioning routes
- Ongoing development, training and support for lay ministers

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