

# Training & Resources Bulletin

Enabling our next steps in faith



*This bulletin has been sent to all licensed clergy including those with PTO, Readers including those retired with PTO, Authorised Lay Ministers and Churchwardens, and our diocesan Church Army evangelists. Also to the staff in Parish Support at Edward King House and the Diocesan Board of Education.*

Discovering  
Faith

## October 2023

Dear Colleagues,

Growing  
in Faith

We recently held the Lay Ministers Retreat at Launde Abbey for ALMs and Readers, at which I spent some time offering a session on wellbeing. It was a wonderful experience, not because of what I said or did, but because of everyone's enthusiastic engagement both with the material and fellow ministerial colleagues, because of the discussion and general buzz in the room, and the laughter too; people were obviously happy to be together. I wish I could have stayed longer, it was a real pick-me-up. Please invite me back next time!

Discerning  
in Faith

I shouldn't be surprised that Christians were enjoying time together, but, well, we are quite good at concealing our appreciation of and love for our sisters and brothers in Christ. Sometimes, an atmosphere of pessimism pervades which can be a bit of a challenge; we're good at accentuating the negative and failing to acknowledge the positive in each other. But, when we do stop, and immerse ourselves in God and give attention to each other, we unexpectedly stumble upon an affinity, a kinship, which is hugely attractive to those seeking a place of friendship and belonging. My short glimpse into the Lay Ministers Retreat – this place of prayerful reflection and learning – was enough to make me think that, had someone been looking in for a company of which to be a part, one in which they could see and experience God's love for them, one which evidenced an enthusiasm for the faith, and for ministerial vocation, then this event would have drawn them through the doors to ask, 'Can I join you?'

Training  
for Faith

Ultimately, part of our job as Christians is to exercise our faith in such a way that we help to make God tangible, visible, knowable. In John 13: 34-35, we hear Jesus say, 'I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' (NRSV). So, in your gathering for prayer and worship, in your times of learning about the faith you profess, in your times of seeking and reflection, I pray you may experience something of what I found at the Lay Ministers Retreat – something that's a real tonic for you, and enticing enough for others to say, 'Can I join in?'

Continuing  
in Faith

Grace and peace.

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# OCTOBER

Social Justice & Environment

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>Black History Month</u>	<u>Unblocktober</u>	4 <u>St Francis World Animal Day</u>	<u>Challenge Poverty week</u>			8 <u>Homeless Sunday</u>
<u>Week of Prayer for World Peace</u>	10 <u>World Homeless Day</u>				14 <u>International E-waste Day</u>	
16 <u>World Food day</u>	17 <u>Challenge Poverty Week</u>	18 <u>Anti-Slavery Day</u>	<u>Big Energy Saving Week</u>			
23 <u>One World Week</u>	24 <u>United Nations Day</u>					

# NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6 <u>Prayer for Persecuted Christians</u>	7 <u>Carbon Literacy Action Day</u>	<u>World Vegan Month</u>		10 <u>World Science Day for Peace and Development</u>		12 <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>
13 <u>Living Wage Week</u>						
20 <u>World Children's Day</u>	<u>Prisoners Week</u>			24 <u>Buy Nothing Day</u>	25 <u>National Tree Week</u>	

# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 <u>World Aids Day</u>	
		5 <u>World Soil Day</u>				
10 <u>Human Rights Day</u>	11 <u>International Mountain Day</u>			14 <u>World Energy Conservation Day</u>		
	18 <u>International Migrants Day</u>					



# College of Saint Hugh Team

Where do you turn to for support with taking our next steps in faith? Click the button below to meet the College of St Hugh team - we are always delighted to be able to support you and your context.

Do you host any training or study events you could open to a wider audience? Do you produce a resource of some kind, e.g. an advent course, which could be used elsewhere?

If so, send it to the college via [collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org) and we can share the details further afield.

[meet the team](#)

## Grants & Financial Support

### Community Grocery:

The Community Grocery Lincoln is here to bridge the gap between food banks and supermarkets by helping local residents with their weekly food shops. If you are feeling the financial impact of rising living costs then we are here to help. We have an annual membership of £5, it's £4 a shop and you can do up to 5 shops a week (max 1 each day).

To find out more visit: [communitygrocery.org.uk/Lincoln](http://communitygrocery.org.uk/Lincoln)



- Beaumont Manor Lincoln LN1 1UL
- Mon-Fri 9:30am-4.30pm
- In partnership with Acts Trust, Alive Church

### Asda Foundation - Empowering Local Communities Fund:

Grants of between £400 and £1,600 are available for grassroots community groups and organisations to support a broad range of activities that contribute towards transforming communities and improving lives across the UK.

The funding is available through the Asda Foundation's Empowering Local Communities Fund to support projects and activities that address local issues which are important to a community and which benefit local people.

Applications should be made through each local Asda store's Community Champion by the 3rd November 2023.

[Find out how to apply.](#)



## Transformation Fund:

This Fund provides grants to help churches launch new missional initiatives or significantly develop existing projects that will help transform lives across greater Lincolnshire.

Tier 1 (up to £500) always open to applications.

Tier 2 Grants available from £501 to a maximum of £20,000 within any one year.

Application closing date: 28th November for a panel meeting on 12th December

[Find out more](#)



## Bishops Social Justice Fund:

Grants of up to £2500 can be applied for from the Bishops Social Justice Fund to resource any great work happening in Greater Lincolnshire. [Apply here](#).

## Funding for Warm Spaces:

We are thrilled to announce that the government is launching a £76 million Cost of Living Fund for community organisations—including warm spaces—this winter. The fund is called [The Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund](#) and is delivered by the [Community Fund](#).

Spaces can apply for funding between £10,000 and £75,000. The timing of the fund, with resource available to cover operations from October 2023 to March 2024, lines up with our forthcoming Warm Welcome Campaign.

## Grant opportunity: Community and Environmental Projects

Deadline: 05-10-2023 [Find out more](#)

The Veolia Environmental Trust, which provides grant for community and environmental projects, has announced that the next funding round will open on the 31 August 2023 until the 12 noon on the 5th October 2023.

- Community Grants: Open to constituted not-for-profit organizations and local authorities. They provide funding ranging from £10,000 to £75,000, aimed at creating or improving buildings or outdoor spaces for the benefit of the community. The maximum project size eligible for funding is £350,000.

- Habitat and Biodiversity Grants: Projects focused on conserving, restoring, or enhancing threatened habitats and/or protecting and increasing biodiversity can apply for grants between £10,000 and £75,000.

- Environmental Improvement Grants: For landscape-scale improvement projects, such as habitat creation/management and species protection, grants exceeding £75,000 are available.

## Ready for School Grants:

The Bishop of Lincoln's Ready For School Fund aims to support schoolchildren who are lacking the things they need in order to access confidently the full life of school and the curriculum.

Application guidance

The Bishop of Lincoln's Ready For School Fund is:

- for small grants of no more than around £100 for individual children
- administered at no cost by the LDTBF

Applications must be on forms downloadable from the [Board of Education website](#).

For further details contact:

[education@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:education@lincoln.anglican.org)

## Further Grants:

Are you involved with working with Young People? Round 3 of **LCVYS Grants** is now open.

Groups working with young people to deliver positive activities can apply for and access grants of up to £750 to help with running costs of the group, first years insurance, resources and support.

To find out more and apply for Grant Aid Funding please visit our website

<http://www.lcvys.co.uk/grants/> or email [admin@lcvys.co.uk](mailto:admin@lcvys.co.uk)

## University of Lincoln/Chamber of Commerce Knowledge Transfer Partnership:

Small to medium enterprises (SMEs) in Lincolnshire will be able to submit a free application to receive expert business support which aims to develop and implement an Innovate UK-funded environmental, social, and governance (ESG) self-assessment tool and accreditation scheme. To enquire about how your business could access the KTP funding, contact the University's Research and Enterprise team: [enterprise@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:enterprise@lincoln.ac.uk)

## Make a Start (MAST) - grants for individuals

Small grants up to £250 can be made to individuals to help them get back to work, into training or education, where funding from a statutory organisation is unobtainable. Applicants should be 16 years or over and currently working no more than 16 hours per week. Visit the link for information and application process: <https://lincolnshirecf.co.uk/grants/make-a-start-mast/>



The College of Saint Hugh Resources Centre is the diocesan lending library of Christian resources. Borrowing is free of charge; resources are available to all church groups and leaders across the Diocese of Lincoln.

# College of St Hugh Resources Centre



find out more

resource list



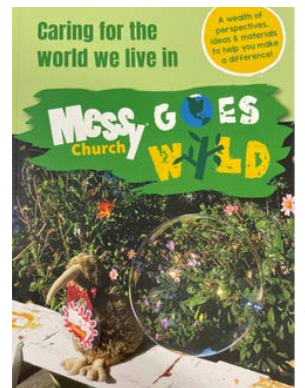
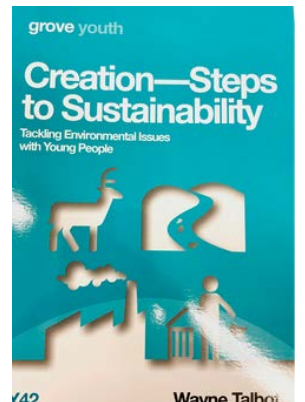
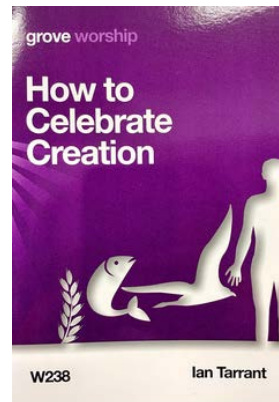
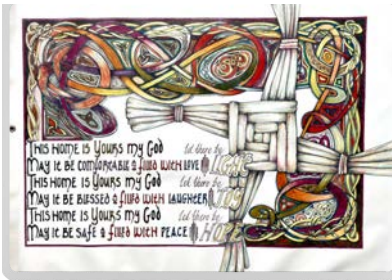
Stone Labyrinth Psalm 23



Small Labyrinth 4.5 m x 6.5m (approx)



Baltic Labyrinth 10 m x 8m (approx)



Lindisfarne Scriptorium

Large Lindisfarne Scriptorium Banners

Book Resources





# Churches' Environmental Network

You are invited to join these half-termly zooms and connect with others in your Local Mission Partnership, the Deanery Environment Champions, in the Deanery Partnership and beyond. There will be guest speakers from across the diocese and support from experts in their field.

New!

15  
Nov



## Simply Live

Wednesday 15th Nov 2023 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



10  
Jan



## Net Zero Buildings

Wednesday 10th Jan 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



13  
Mar



## Wildlife & Land

Wednesday 13th March 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



8  
May



## Outdoor Worship

Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



3  
July



## Connecting Community

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 07:00 PM on Zoom



All enquiries contact: [sarah.spencer@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:sarah.spencer@lincoln.anglican.org)

# Discovering

## Being With Course

The Being With Course is an invitation to discover faith in the context of discovering friendship.

Upcoming training cohorts (three sessions to complete training):

9th, 11th and 16th October 2023 at 19:00

14th, 16th and 21st November 2023 at 15:00

4th, 7th, 11th December 2023 at 19:30

11th, 15th, 17th January 2024 at 16:00

[book here](#)

# Being With



# vox

## SHARE WHAT MATTERS

## VOX Youth series: Share what matters

What's life all about? Where do I belong? How can I find meaning and purpose? And what's that all got to do with Christianity?

Vox is an opportunity to listen in to honest conversations about things that matter.

Our camera crew follows six young people as they head to a location in the middle of nowhere so they can get back to the basics of life and the Christian faith.

Over four episodes, we join these young people as they open up the Bible to explore Christianity and find out what God has to say about himself, about us, and about life here on earth.

[watch here](#)

## Webinars



### Children Changing Places Project Thursday 12 October, 2-3pm

Join this webinar to learn more about the missional design of the Children Changing Places Project (Diocese of Manchester), the impact of intentionally creating 'discipleship pathways' (for children and young people aged 0-18) and to hear inspirational stories about spiritual growth, and church growth, across Bolton deanery.

[register](#)

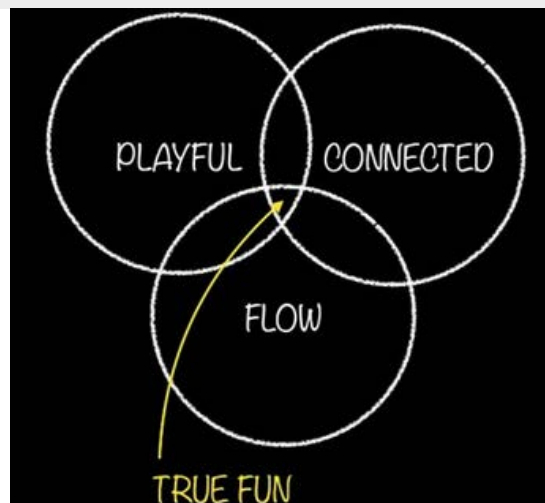
### Getting Started with Children and Young People's Ministry Wednesday 8 November, 12-1pm

Following on from the first in this series on getting started with children and young people's ministry, we'll be exploring how to prioritise and prepare to adapt when growing your ministry. Panellists will share their valuable experience alongside practical advice for where to begin with CYP ministry.

[register](#)

## 3 Elements of True fun

What comes to mind when you think about the most fun moments of your life? Science journalist Catherine Price asked thousands of people across the world this question, and their answers led her to a new definition of "true" fun: a special confluence of playfulness, connection and flow. [Hear her thoughts](#) on why having fun is good for your mental and physical health and how to identify the tell-tale signs of "fake" fun -- as well as actionable tips for identifying what brings you joy.



Here are two reports that you might find an interesting read:

Key Findings

Full report



Volunteering After the Pandemic: Lessons from the Homelessness Sector

SOCIAL THEOLOGY & THE COMMON GOOD

## Common Good Lecture: Just World

17 October 6:30pm online

JUST WORLD: How does God call us to balance the interests of people and planet? with Professor Alison Milbank

[book a place](#)

Click the link to listen to previous lectures in the series

[listen](#)

## Celebrating Black Poetry in Western Spirituality

23 October with Professor Emilie Townes

30 October with Dr Beth Dodd and Fr Jarel Robinson-Brown

6 November with Prof Willie James Jennings

Online from 7pm - 8:30pm

£10 per session or £24 for all three

[book here](#)

The great Barbadian poet Edward Kamau Brathwaite famously described the difference between the music of Caribbean poetry and the pedestrian rhythms of Standard English through a reference to the power of island weather: 'the hurricane does not roar in pentameters'.

This series of online events organised with the [Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture](#) listens to the sound of the hurricane in contemporary culture by shining a light on the integral role that Black poetic voices have played in the development of western, particularly Anglo-American spirituality.

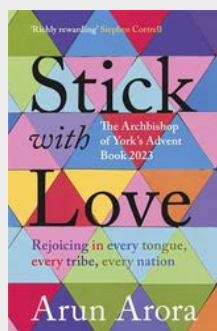
## Christian Aid Emergency Appeal for Libya

Christian Aid are working with [Dan Church Aid](#), their Act Alliance partner who have a long-established presence in Libya, to send emergency supplies for the most pressing needs, such as medical assistance, supplies and pharmaceuticals, emergency shelter, sanitation and hygiene kits and food. Longer term, Dan Church Aid will look to contribute rubble clearance and also with longer term reconstruction efforts.

[Emergency Appeal page](#)



## Book Recommendations





[click here](#)

## The Whole Christmas Story Devotional Journey



This 25-day Advent devotional journey will help you explore on the significance of Jesus' birth in the context of the whole Bible. Starting in Genesis and working through to Revelation, you'll see how Christ came to a world worth saving; how human sin affects every part of life; how God promised to redeem all of his creation; and how in Jesus, he made good on that promise.

And throughout Advent, you'll reflect on how God is calling you to live in a way that contributes to his redeeming work in the world, ushered in by Jesus' birth.

The journey is perfect to do either on your own or with your church family. If you're a church leader, why not plan to do it as a congregation this year? The journey will be available from 1 December via email or the YouVersion app.



## Advent and Christmas Resources

[Resource packs and activities for Winter, Christmas and New Year.](#)

Brand new Bible Society resources for 2023 – including two brilliant children's booklets for both primary and toddler ages with accompanying resources, festive Christmas cards and stickers, and so much more – are waiting to be explored.

[click here](#)



Free Christingle Resources from  
The Children's Society.

[order here](#)

## "It's our time to shine" Christmas Appeal for Bangladesh

Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. Our partners are working with an extraordinary group of gifted women entrepreneurs who are embracing new technology to revive ancient art forms, craft beautiful beadwork and make colourful clothing to sell online.

So far 620 women have started new businesses!

"This year, we started a business together. We never imagined that we would run an online clothing business at home" Morsheda Khatun

Could your church get involved by:

1. Showing one of the short videos each Sunday of advent and have a collection.
2. Carol Singing – Yes, could you gather some folk and sing some classic carols. We've got everything you need in terms of permissions etc.



Follow the Star:

Join the Song - Resources for churches

More resources are being added over the next few weeks.

[Follow the Star  
resources](#)

[The Great  
Invitation](#)



# Growing

## Growing Good Free Webinar Series

Adapting to our Communities: Church Beyond Walls - Wednesday 11th October  
11am

Recruiting, Managing and Retaining Good Volunteers - Wednesday 22nd  
November 10am



[register here](#)



## Messtival

[find out more](#)

Messtival is back on Saturday 2 March 2024 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. With a morning of online workshops to equip and inspire you in your Messy ministry. Why not arrange to attend with your whole team and then share lunch together and chat about what you've heard and how you can apply it to your context?

Click [here](#) to book and find out more about the facilitators and speakers.



RECONCILIATION  
INITIATIVES

## Racial Justice Conference

17 October 2023  
Birmingham

Waking up to and  
addressing Whiteness in  
the Anglican Church

Book your place at:  
[reconciliation-initiatives.org/racial-justice-conference](https://reconciliation-initiatives.org/racial-justice-conference)



## Messy Young Leaders

The Messy Church Young Leaders network organisers have successfully negotiated their GCSEs and are about to embark on the next stage of their education. They are busy planning online meet-ups for later this year in October and December. If you have young people involved in your Messy Church, please mention this opportunity to them and get them to save these dates:

**Monday 16 October, 6.00–7.00 pm    Monday 18 December, 6.00–7.00 pm**

## Autumn webinars from Caring for God's acre

Webinars running through October and November  
on a range of topics.

[click here](#)





# Insights and Research for Youth Workers

Read '[The Story](#)' from YouthScape

## Nature in Lincolnshire: what matters most to you? Public Survey

[take the survey](#)

Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership survey

The GLNP would like to hear your thoughts on nature in Greater Lincolnshire to help shape a new Local Nature Recovery Strategy for the area. This survey will help them find out what's most important to you about nature in Greater Lincolnshire, so that they can identify priorities for protecting and enhancing it in the future.



England is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. To help combat this, the Government introduced Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) which will look for opportunities to help recover nature and increase the benefits it provides, bringing together local partners to shape and deliver the strategy.



Further information about the Local Nature Recovery Strategy can be found [here](#). The survey, which will take no more than 10 minutes to complete, is open now and will run until 15th December.



## Autumns 2023 Living Generously newsletter

[read here](#)

We hope that you find this both informative and thought provoking as you seek to resource the Church in your community.

## Events hosted by Peterborough Theological Society in person and on line 2023 – 2024



The Peterborough Theological Society is an ecumenical society, open to anyone, which aims to provide a platform for theological debate which is challenging both to the lay person and to those with theological training. Meetings are held on Mondays, 7.30 – 9.15 pm at Park Road Baptist Church, Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2TF, (for those in the south of our county), and for all others, they are also available on Zoom. Contact [michael@mpage.org.uk](mailto:michael@mpage.org.uk) to register.

There are annual membership subscriptions: £20 for an individual member and or £30 for couples or families or £10 for unwaged students. Attendance at individual meetings is £5.

We didn't receive this in time to advertise the first event, but the programme for the rest of this year and into 2024 looks interesting.

[programme](#)

## The Persistence of Faith: Scientific and Theological Perspectives

[book](#)

A public lecture when Prof. David Fergusson (Cambridge University) will speak on '[The Persistence of Faith: Scientific and Theological Perspectives](#)'.

Thursday 9 November 6pm-7pm

Venue: [Queen's Lecture Theatre](#), Emmanuel College, Cambridge

All are welcome



## Do One Thing Campaign - Anti Slavery Day THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Anti-Slavery Day is an annual opportunity for churches, businesses, charities, and individuals to consider afresh what they can do to eliminate modern slavery in their communities. However, when we hear the numbers of people trapped in slavery in the UK and beyond, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed and powerless. That's why we've launched our "[Do One Thing](#)" campaign to coincide with Anti Slavery Day this October!

Any action, no matter how small, could change or save the life of somebody in desperate circumstances. What's more, small steps can lead to more significant changes and working towards slavery-free communities is not something we can do on our own or overnight.

It could be as simple as signing up for a modern slavery seminar to learn more about the issue, putting up helpline posters around your church buildings, or downloading the Safe Car Wash App and using it whenever you go to a hand car wash.

[read more](#)

### Advent and Christmas Messy Meet Up

Tuesday, 7 November 2023 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm on Zoom

An opportunity to meet with other Messy Church leaders to chat about session ideas for [book now](#) Advent and Christmas as well as pray together.



### Blue Christmas / Longest Night service

Many bereaved people find Christmas unbearably difficult. Where all around are enforcing celebration and good cheer to all people, those who mourn can feel shut out and excluded. Why not as a church consider holding a service such as 'Blue Christmas' or 'Longest Night service' on the 22 December or thereabouts, which provides a space in church for those who mourn to come to the crib. A simple service with carols and the opportunity to place a candle at the crib scene, it acknowledges the pain that so many feel.

[more information](#)

[order of service](#)

### Messy Church Masterclasses

#### **Messy Church Discipleship Tuesday 10 October, 1.00 - 2.30 pm**

This 90-minute live and interactive training session on Zoom is a space to explore the growing body of research on how to make disciples of all ages through your Messy Church. It will give your team a language to talk about discipleship and a number of tried-and-tested approaches to consider for your own context.

#### **Baptism in Messy Church Tuesday 21 November, 1.00 - 2.30 pm**

Aims to help Messy Church teams and leaders feel confident and equipped to celebrate baptism within Messy Church, in an appropriate way for their context and denomination. This session will include an opportunity to ask questions, share resources and hear stories of Messy Churches that have already celebrated baptism.

#### **Communion in Messy Church Tuesday 14 November, 7.30 - 9.00 pm**

Aims to help Messy Church teams and leaders feel confident and equipped to celebrate communion within Messy Church, in an appropriate way for their context and denomination. This session will include an opportunity to think through the principles of including sacraments, ask questions, share resources and hear stories of Messy Churches that have already celebrated communion.



[more details](#)

online

challenge  
rural  
poverty

### Challenge Rural Poverty

10 October 7.30-9pm

An online conversation unpacking the recent Rural Poverty Today research. Hosted by Hannah Fremont-Brown, Eunice Attwood & Sarah Hulme from the Methodist Church, with Prof Mark Shucksmith from the University of Newcastle.

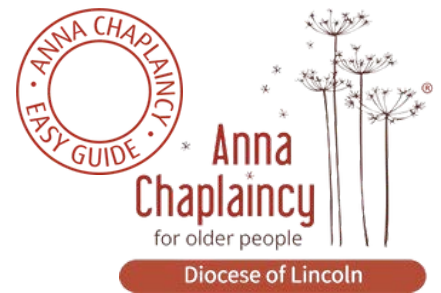
Gather with other rural leaders to hear from Prof Mark Shucksmith about the realities of rural poverty and how we as faith communities can challenge poverty in both our local & national contexts. [find out more](#)

[book](#)



# Discerning

## Anna Chaplaincy



A 6-week introduction course has been designed for those preparing for a role as Anna Chaplain, covering information about the spirituality of older people and how Anna Chaplaincy responds to spiritual needs in later life. It is a good refresher for those specialising in pastoral care in later life, and also available to those who are already commissioned as Anna Chaplains.

Winter Course: Nov – Dec Mondays 3 – 5pm

Costs: Currently the course costs £90 inclusive of all training costs, plus £25 (plus £3 P&P) for the Anna Chaplaincy Handbook which is essential reading. There are diocesan funds to support this training to Anna Chaplain or Anna Friend which meet these costs, whether taking on the role in a voluntary or ministerial development capacity. Diocese of Lincoln enquiries via: [anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org)

Expression of interest: A vocation to Anna Chaplaincy needs to be discerned in your local context with your local ministry team or church leaders. To explore more so to: [Latest Training opportunities](#) | [Lincoln Diocesan Trust and Board of Finance \(anglican.org\)](#) and download a leaflet here: [Download.ashx \(anglican.org\)](#) Further resources are available from: [anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:anna.chaplaincy@lincoln.anglican.org)



### How can churches support carers of those affected with dementia?

There is a new free course for churches wanting to support people affected by dementia. This new 4 session course is designed to equip church teams to support carers, helping carers to build their own support teams. Each session includes a video to watch and questions to discuss together.

**course information**

## Church Army Discovery Day

In Person Sheffield – Saturday 14th October 7pm – 9.15pm

We train, support and employ (in partnership with the local diocese) Pioneer Evangelists across the UK and Ireland.

Come and find out what we do and how you can share in our vision. Hear from Evangelists in one of our Centres of Mission and be introduced to some of our resources such as ENVOY – plus hear from one of our Evangelists in Training.

To book a place please click the link below or please contact [Andrew Payne](#).

**discovery events**



## To Love and Serve the Lord Course

The North Kesteven Deanery Partnership are running another 'To Love and Serve the Lord' course this Autumn. It will be held on Thursday evenings. Starting on October 19th and running through to December 14th. Then picking up again after the Christmas break, from January 11th to February 22nd.

The venue is not yet confirmed, it is likely to be in the Sleaford/Quarrington area.

Contact The Revd Lorna Brabin-Smith to sign up: [lorna.brabinsmith@btinternet.com](mailto:lorna.brabinsmith@btinternet.com)

# Training

## Generous Living: Support for Treasurers and Incumbents

Unfortunately the planned series of workshops for Parish Treasurers and Incumbents has been cancelled owing to low levels of interest. However, we are instead developing an ongoing programme of online events instead. Details of these events and how to join them will be circulated in due course. However, the first of these has already been arranged:

### **An Introduction to the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS): Wednesday 22nd November, 2-3pm**

This online session will be led by Steph Hartley, Relationship Manager at PGS and is for anyone who wants to know more about developing the Parish Giving Scheme in their parish, including those who are already PGS members. Places for this online event can be secured [by completing this form](#). Joining instructions will be circulated closer to the event.

If you are looking for any support from the Generous Living Team please contact us using [generosity@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:generosity@lincoln.anglican.org)

## Preaching Workshops

**Preaching in Advent** - Saturday 21 October, 10.30 on zoom

**Preaching the Parables** - Monday 6 November, 14.00 on zoom

**Preaching the Christmas Story** - Monday 20 November, 10.30 on zoom

**Preaching the Themes of Lent** - Tuesday 16 January, 10.30 on zoom

**Preaching on and Through Music** - Saturday 10 February, 10:30 on zoom

**Preaching at Funerals** - Monday 12 February, 10.30 on zoom

**Out of the Shadows: Preaching the Women of the Bible** - Saturday 17 February, 10.00 at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, WF14 0BN

**Preaching the Events of Good Friday as Seen through the Women's Eyes** - Saturday 9 March, 10.30 on zoom

**Connecting Old Testament & New Testament in Our Preaching** - Saturday 20 April, 10.30 on zoom



[book here](#)



watch the introduction  
video above

[David Heywood](#)

## Everyday Faith Event

25th November 2023, 9am-4pm. Edward King House

David Heywood will be leading a day for ministers and trainee ministers in the Diocese of Lincoln to consider how as Priests, Deacons, Readers, ALMs and others involved in the leadership of our local churches, we can support and enable Christians to live out their faith in their everyday lives, Monday to Saturday.

This day is open to all, including ALMs, Readers, clergy and others involved in parish life. To book a place please email: [collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:collegeofsthugh@lincoln.anglican.org)



[find out more](#)



# Funding Ready Workshops

Free workshops for voluntary sector groups and charities for writing successful funding applications. Dates starting in November.

[find out more](#)

## Disability Matters newsletter

A new quarterly newsletter, Disability Matters, aims to promote disability awareness across the whole Church.

With tips and resources for parishes, its reach and appeal is wide and aims to cover the entire spectrum of disability, mental health, deafness and neurodiversity. Each issue will include a reflection as well as news items, top tips and pointers to resources from within and outside of the Church.

You can [sign up to the mailing list](#) to receive future editions.



## Inspiring Leadership?

MODEM Conference 2023

Thursday 9th November

The Royal Foundation of St. Katharine

Accommodation is available the evening before for those traveling from a distance.

More information will follow soon.



[modem website](#)

## Mental Health Challenges: A Christian Response

Date & Time: November 4, 2023 9:30 am - 4:15 pm

Location: Online and in the Healey Room, Westminster College, Cambridge

Cost: £40 in person, £30 for students, £25 online

How does the good news of Jesus Christ speak to those who struggle with their mental health? Can the church get involved in ways that are both safe and wise? This day conference will consider both theory and practice – providing a model for understanding mental illness as well as plenty of worked examples to grapple with the practicalities.

[register](#)



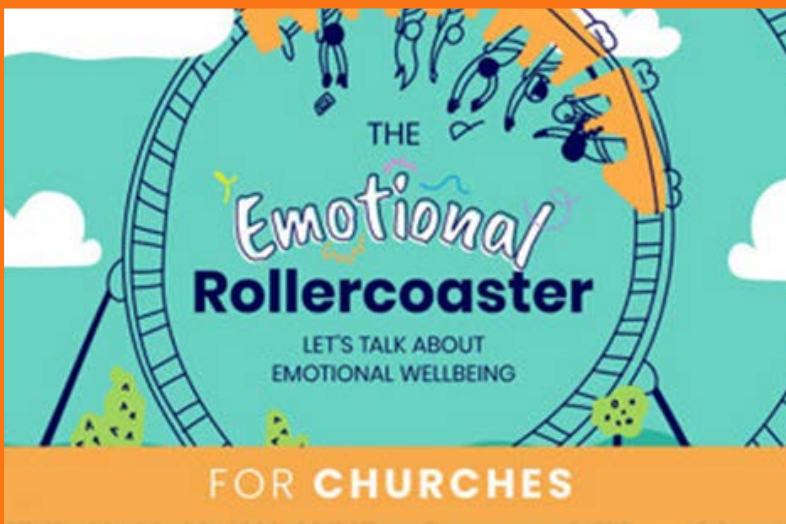
## How to welcome people with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities)

Wednesday, 18 October 2023 - 7:30pm to 8:30pm

Join the Messy Church team as we launch our latest video with advice from our SEND Coordinator, Trish Hahn, on how to be welcoming and inclusive of people with additional needs and disabilities.

[book now](#)





## Emotional Rollercoaster

This FREE interactive webinar incorporates all of the Emotional First Aid content and provides additional training specifically for those working with children and young people aged 8-14 years. Offering therapeutic responses, approaches and activities to explore emotional health, it is especially relevant for supporting children who have been impacted by lockdown and COVID-19.

[click here](#)

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## Always Hopeful

Sally Hope is an advocate for victims of domestic abuse and has launched a new resource for churches to help them teach young people more about healthy relationships. The resource is available to download, free of charge, and includes visual aids, Bible studies around one Corinthians 13, and also on Genesis, to depict, according to Hope, "how relationships were supposed to look and how things went wrong".

[resource](#)

[About Sally](#)

## The National Youth Ministry Weekend

The National Youth Ministry Weekend will be held in Birmingham in November.

"For everyone concerned about young people: volunteers, paid workers & church leaders. - Engaging for volunteers, stretching for experienced practitioners. - Inspiring worship and bible teaching, ideas and FREE resources."

[find out more](#)



## Scripture Union's Mission Possible Tour is coming to Grantham!

This Autumn, take the time to be envisioned, equipped and encouraged as you discover how, together, we can make mission possible in your context!

The event is being hosted by LightSpace Grantham, at The Baptist Church on the 17th of October, starting at 7.30pm.

[more information](#)



# Continuing

## Retreat Programme for Clergy

16 October: A time to dance - embracing every season of life

15-17 November: Behold I am doing a new thing  
(If you are in the first four years as a first time incumbent and would like to attend this Retreat, full funding is available. Please contact Jackie Johnson via [jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org))

11 - 13 October: So, who am I now? Transition from Ministry to Retirement

22 - 24 November: Keeping our Balance in Ministry: Mary, Martha & Lazarus



[details and booking](#)

## Seasonal Services of the Word



[Service of the Word  
for Ordinary time](#)

[Service of the Word  
for Creationtide](#)

These services of the word are designed to be used in conjunction with the [Homilies Project](#). There will be seasonal variations added during the year.

## Deacons National Conference 2023 'Breaking New Ground'

This conference is a unique opportunity for Distinctive Deacons in the UK and beyond, many of whom work in isolation, to come together for fellowship, teaching and encouragement in the rich vocation to which they have been called. Deacons, deacon ordinands, deacon enquirers, deacon Training Incumbents, vocations advisers and DDOs are all invited. Main Speaker: Revd Dr Richard Tiplady.

[more information  
and booking](#)



## Day Courses for 'Human Flourishing'



5th October 10 - 4pm  
Day Course: Reflective Journaling 2023

Leader: James Woodward

Cost £60

[book here](#)

[more courses](#)

# Home Grown Wisdom

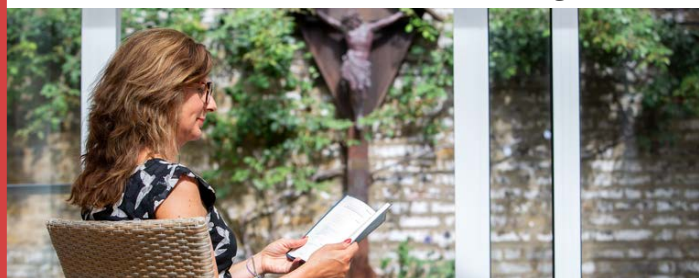
We are hoping to gather together expertise and knowledge from lay and ordained colleagues around the Diocese in several day events through 2024 at which we share Home Grown Wisdom. If there is a Christian theme in which you are well-versed, or a subject on which you have undertaken further study, and you'd like to share your reflections/findings with others in a two hour or a morning or afternoon session, get in touch with me, at [jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:jackie.johnson@lincoln.anglican.org) We will create a programme from the submissions, open to anyone interested in the topics.

Home Grown Wisdom will be created by you, facilitated by you, and will include a variety of offerings open to all comers.



## Unconscious Bias, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism sessions

Continuing Ministerial Development sessions at Edward King House on the **Saturday 20th January 2024** and **Saturday 4th May 2024**. More information coming soon. Please save the dates.



### Retreat:all

National Retreat week has passed, however have a look at the many retreat resources and ideas [here](#).

## Preaching at infant Baptism services

The Revd Canon Dr. Sarah Lawrence, St Hild Lincoln Centre Lead has recently published an article called, 'Preaching at Infant Baptisms' based on her book.

[read here](#)



## Artificial Intelligence, Genuine Care

Location: Online and in Cambridge

In the past year AI has gone from futuristic pipedream to very present reality. It suddenly poses significant questions for church leaders, ranging from "Can ChatGPT write good sermons?" to "How do I counsel church members who are using AI-powered dating apps?"

22nd November 2023 – Zoom – Technology and Humanity with Dr Mike Brownnutt

24th January 2024 – Zoom – Technology and Hope with Revd Dr Chris Goswami

21st February 2024 – In Person – Technology and Care with Prof. John Wyatt

13th March 2024 – Zoom – Technology and Worship with Revd Charmaine Mhlanga

1st May 2024 – In Person – Technology and Salvation with Graham Budd

Cost: £75 for all 5 sessions

[book here](#)

NB: Members of The College of St. Hugh Team are sent information from a large number of organisations about training and resources, and we endeavour to ensure that what we pass on to you via this bulletin is appropriate and of quality. However, it is important to note here that the views expressed by any individual, group, or organisation listed are entirely their own and may not necessarily reflect those of the Team or the Diocese of Lincoln.