

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter July 24

Dear Colleagues,

In January this year, the Church of England carried out a wellbeing survey of CYF ministers. Over 300 employed Ministers responded to the survey and this was supplemented by 11 focus groups.

The 30K Project Board have considered the findings and are now commissioning a new phase of work looking at recognition and value of CYPF ministers, support for CYPF ministers and developing a context which enables them to flourish and be fruitful. A summary of the work can be found on page 1.

It's so good to see this vital ministry being valued!

As a Diocese, we are launching a new **ALM pathway** in the autumn - for those looking to be involved in CYF ministry. If you have volunteers, there may be opportunity for this training to be made available for this, too.

We will also be offering **Catalyst**, a course delivered by Ridley Hall, free and fully funded by the Church of England. This option would be ideal for those in paid CYF ministry, interns and volunteers who are exploring a future within CYF ministry.

There is also **Future Youth**, as part of the Ministerial Experience Scheme. We have 2 places available. Find out more on page 2.

Do get in touch with your questions, to express interest in our training offers and to find out more.

Please know we value you and your ministry to Children, Youth and Families across our Diocese. Please let me know how we can pray for you, how we can help you and the stories we can share to celebrate what God is doing.

God bless,



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Outcomes from the
CYPF Wellbeing Ministry Research



PROVIDING BETTER SUPPORT FOR CYPF MINISTERS

RECOGNITION & VALUE

- Make the language of CYPF "ministry" & "ministers" normative (versus "work" & "worker")
- Create a national register of CYPF ministers
- Develop national standards for pay and benefits
- Develop good practice guidance for engagement of CYPF ministers in the wider leadership and ministry of the local church
- Seek to nurture CYPF Minister career development opportunities
- Implement a national day of recognition



SUPPORT IN ROLE

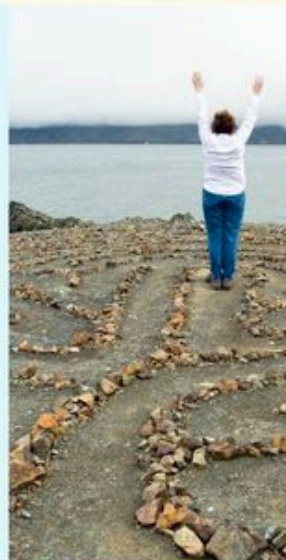
- Develop local line management toolkit and make line management training available to those overseeing CYPF ministers
- Ensure that all initial training for clergy includes CYPF ministry
- Seek to develop accessible continuing ministerial formation (CMF) in paid time for all registered CYPF ministers
- Develop accessible CYPF minister mentoring for all registered CYPF ministers

ENABLING CONTEXT

- Develop a good practice charter for CYPF minister employment
- Share resources across the dioceses
- Facilitate the development of healthy patterns of work including flexible working patterns and holistic CYPF minister wellbeing support

Support the development of:

- Diocesan strategic oversight, support and resourcing of CYPF ministries
- Diocesan or other support when working relationships break down
- Longer term funding of CYPF ministry roles to remove funding 'cliff edges'



Future Youth



Applications are now OPEN for September 2024.

- **Aged 18 – 30 And Want To Explore Your Faith Further?**
- **Feel Called To Christian Ministry But Not Sure Where To Start?**
- **2 places available for those considering working with children and young people!**

What is it?

The Ministry Experience Scheme is an exciting opportunity to live in a welcoming Christian community with other like-minded people interested in ministry just like you. Immerse yourself in the life and works of a city or rural church.

You will be well supported in your development by meeting together with your fellow scheme members and engaging in practical theological study with the College of St Hugh in Lincoln.

How Much Does It Cost And Is There Accommodation?

It is free to do with accommodation and living expenses provided.

When would I start?

The scheme will start in September 2024, so it's best to get your application in as early as possible.

[For more information and application forms, click here.](#)

Growing Faith

The Growing Faith Adventure seeks to put children and young people at the heart of all we do, bringing together the spheres of church, school and community.

Growing Faith promotes a partnership between church, school and household to enable discovery, exploration and growth of faith for all.

The partnership is imagined as intersections of a set of overlapping spheres to find and promote ways to help faith to grow with children, young people and households.

To discover more, watch this Webinar from The Diocese and the Diocesan Board of Education.

Growing Faith are looking for applications for a second round of **Growing Faith Learning Hubs.**

It closes on 14 July.

The Growing Faith Foundation is seeking to resource a further 12 Learning Hubs across the country in January 2025. The Learning Hubs will be funded with an annual grant, which will support Hubs' further development in placing children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of their mission and ministry.

Could your LMP, your MAT, local church/school partnership or other iteration become a suitable Hub?

Read more about the application process in our [guidance document](#), and to apply to be a Hub in 2025, complete the [application form](#).

If you have further questions, please contact growingfaith@churchofengland.org

It would be really good to chat with you if this is something you're interested in and / or looking to apply for.

Look out for our new Growing Faith Network launching soon!

Networking



BABY & TODDLER GROUP LEADERS NETWORK

North East
Lincolnshire

**MONDAY
8TH JULY 2024**

12:45pm – 2:30pm

St. Mark's Church
Lacey Road,
Grimsby, DN34 5LP

Do you lead or support a baby/toddler group? Then we'd love you to join us at our network gathering. We're building a community of toddler groups from across North East Lincs to pray for one another, build community, celebrate one another's successes and share ideas.

We'll have plenty of refreshments to welcome you and if you have little ones of your own, feel free to bring them along. We'll have a space set up for them too.

RSVP TO GRACE & NAY WHO ARE
HEADING UP THE NETWORK.

LITTLELIONS@STMARKSGRIMSBY.ORG.UK



**Watch this space for more opportunities
across the Diocese...**

Networking



CHORAL CHURCH



NETWORK

DO YOU HAVE - OR WOULD
YOU LIKE TO HAVE A
JUNIOR CHOIR?



JOIN US AS WE THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN
COME TOGETHER, WORK TOGETHER & SUPPORT
EACH OTHER IN OUR WORSHIP & MISSION.

10AM

SATURDAY 27TH JULY



Boston

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for more details

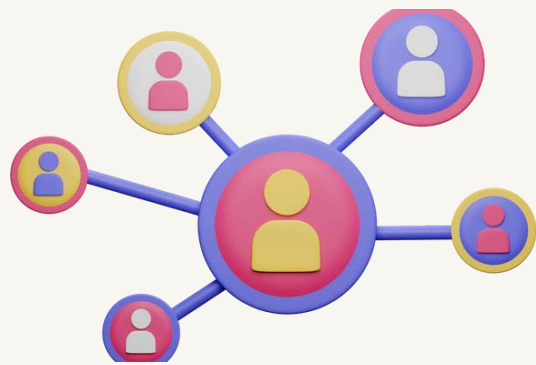


Networking

Anglo-Catholic Children, Youth and Family Workers Network

The next meeting of this Network will be held on **Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm on Zoom.**

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




TELL OUT MY SOUL
Singing God's Praises

MONDAY 5TH - FRIDAY 9TH
AUGUST 2024

Mary was one, lone, pregnant teenager, and because of her humility, and her understanding of what God wanted of her, for the good of the whole world, she sang a song that changed everything! Mary, a young teenager herself, demonstrates incredible faith, humility, and trust in God's plan. Her song serves as an inspiration and guide for us as we navigate the challenges and joys of life.

Join us as we dive into this powerful song together!

The Youth Pilgrimage

The Youth Pilgrimage is a week of lively worship, teaching, fellowship and fun for 11-18 year olds.

Pilgrimage has been taking place in Walsingham since the Middle Ages and the week brings it alive, making it relevant to young people in today's world. The traditional pilgrimage devotions are presented in an up-beat, lively and enjoyable way, so young people can relate to them and take their experiences back to their home parishes. For further information on the Walsingham story, the Youth Pilgrimage and to view the photo gallery and video of last year's event, please visit:

www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk

What to expect

- Daily Mass in the Big Top
- Fantastic music provided by CJM
- BBQ and disco
- Lively worship
- Late Night Liturgy
- The Holy Mile Walk
- Crafts, Sports, Music and Inflatables
- Fun, friendship and football!
- Workshops
- Free afternoons to explore or visit the beach

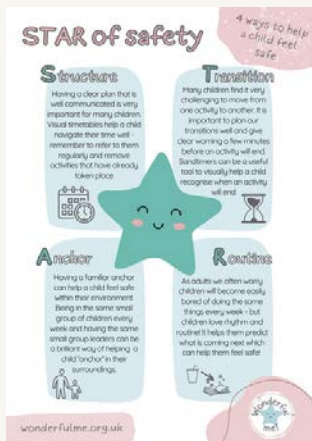
And lots more!



Here's a video of last year's highlights!

Resources

Are you running CYF events over the summer?
Share your ideas on our **Padlet Board**



From “Wonderful Me”
4 ways we can help a child feel safe in their space!
and other resources and training.

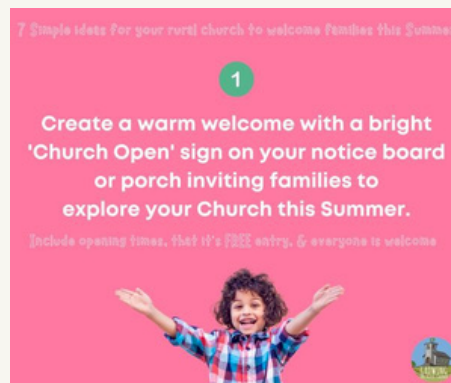
“Follow Me! is a collection of 40 lively devotions for young people, looking at the disciple Peter.



Inspire – a range of 40 day journal devotionals for young people.



From “Growing Your Rural Church” - 7 simple ideas for your rural church to welcome families this summer.



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www.facebook.com/lincolnyouthandchildren/



Training & Events

Let's go for a walk...

OUTDOOR CHURCH
GATHERING

7th September 2024

09:30am -13:30pm
(with an optional afternoon retreat)

£12 *(including soup & roll lunch)*

£10 EARLY BIRD TICKETS
(available before 6th July)


£8 YOUNG LEADERS aged 14-18
(attend with an adult)

VENUE:
Launde Abbey

After lunch there is the option of staying
until 16:00 and enjoying an informal
retreat in the beautiful grounds
of Launde Abbey.


This is a 'walking conference', all
sessions will happen outside in the
grounds of Launde Abbey.
Wheelchair accessible routes are available.

"Bring a deckchair and
travel mug with you"




Whether
you're a regular
Forest Church leader or just
interested in exploring worship
outside for the first time,
Join us for a low-tech, relaxed
Outdoor Church Gathering.
There will be opportunities
to worship together and walk
alongside our experienced
workshop hosts in
small groups.


10 amazing Workshop hosts, including...



CELEBRATING
WITH THE SEASONS
Rev'd Steve Hollinghurst







MESSY CHURCH
GOES WILD
Jane Sutler



WORSHIP
LED BY
Rev'd Shakaal Nurmah

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BOOK HERE: <https://ht.churchsuite.com/events/t2aslynm>

On September 7th, the **OWL Network** is holding its next Outdoor Worship Conference.

"Let's go for a Walk" is an opportunity to walk and talk about the benefits of worshipping our Creator God within creation; to stop along the way and put into practise what we are learning; and to share our own experiences, hopes and dreams as we seek to establish and develop outdoor Christ-centred communities.

Please share with whoever this will bless and we look forward to seeing you there.

[Booking is open now.](#)

Book onto these and further Messy Church Events



Messy Church
Discipleship
Masterclass

BRF

Tuesday 9 July,
1.00 – 2.30 pm on
Zoom
Cost: £10.00



Messy Church
Starting your
Messy Church
Masterclass

BRF

Thursday 18 July,
7.30 – 9.00 pm on
Zoom



Messy Church
Reimagining your
Messy Church
Masterclass

BRF

Thursday 11 July,
1.00 – 2.30 pm on
Zoom.
Cost: £10.00

Training & Events

Interested in **Bubble Church**?

Find out more at their upcoming Zoom meetings:

- * Thursday 18th July, 12:30-1:30pm
- * Wednesday 24th July, 7.30-8.30pm
- * Tuesday 10th September, 12:30-1:30pm
- * Monday 16th September, 7.30-8.30pm

Contact [Kelli Bolton](#)



Save the Date: 27th September

On Friday 27th September 2024 join together “to encourage Christians all across the UK to take some time to pray for schools in their community. Whether that’s by joining our online prayer gatherings on the day, using the prayer resources we’ll provide, encouraging young people to pray with their peers, or going on a prayer walk around the schools in your local community, we hope that you will join us.”



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?”

Weekend Tickets £99 until 17th June