

Children's Youth & Families Newsletter Oct 24

Tell us 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 for all you do.

God bless,

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Have you signed up to Catalyst?

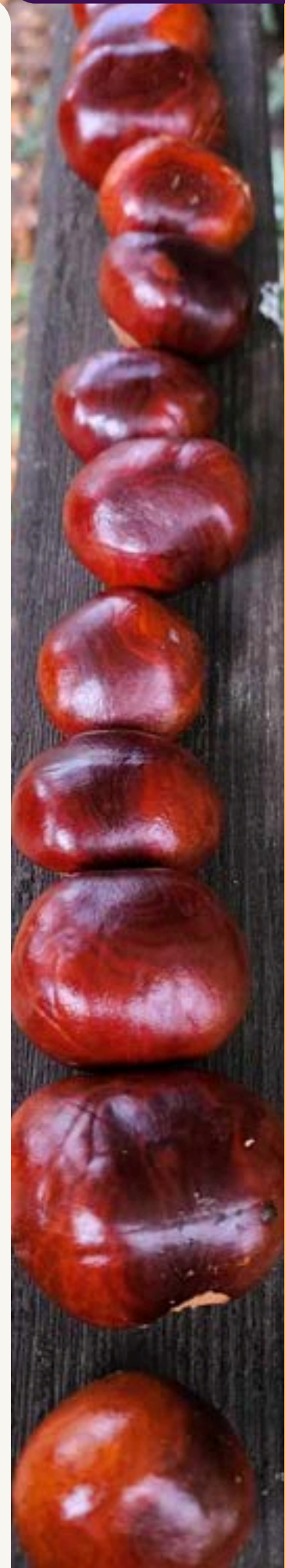
Delivered by Ridley Hall, free and fully funded by the Church of England, Catalyst is a dynamic training course that aims to equip and connect those who work with children and young people in the local church.

We are running the course in Lincoln Diocese, with content being delivered online, at a three-day conference, and locally.

Over 130 people took part in Catalyst year 1 from across England. Are you ready to join them in being inspired, encouraged and better equipped to serve children and young people?



[Find out more](#)



Toddler Ministry Networking Dates - across the 3 archdeaconries



Boston
at The Church of the Ascension, Grantham.
Saturday 5th October 10am – 12pm.

Register your interest BY THURSDAY 3RD

Lincoln
at St Michael's Church, Waddington,
Wednesday 27th November 12 – 14.30pm

Register your interest

Stow and Lindsey
Wednesday 9th October
9:45-11:30am at The Barnabas Chapel, St Mark's, Grimsby

Email: littlelions@stmarksgrimsby.org

If you lead or support toddler ministry – or are thinking of starting one – join us as we:

- share stories and ideas
- encourage each other
- forge links in our local area
- celebrate what God is doing
- are inspired for the future



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

To join this network, please email Clare
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**Anglo-Catholic Children, Youth and Family Workers
Network**



Networking



Do you have, or are you thinking of starting, a Junior Choir?

Join us at

All Saints Church, Gainsborough

for our next meeting on

Saturday 5th October at 1.30pm

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



21st Nov
7-8pm

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!

At one time, the Diocese had a number of **“Godly Play”** resources 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.



“Start to Stir”

Resources to help people share their faith and a course designed to help stir spiritual curiosity amongst young people.

“The Stir Course is a set of interactive sessions designed to use in your outreach context.

It helps people to discover their soul through experience...

...then introduces them to God and the person of Jesus before offering an invitation to make a faith commitment.

Each session can run from 20-60 minutes and uses experiences, video clips and reflection to stir up the many spiritual emotions, questions and longings that lie dormant, under the surface of most people's lives.”



“Unfold” is a Bible study for young people aged 11 to 17.

It's especially suited to groups of less than 8 and where the young people may not all the same age or stage of Christian commitment.

You can do an Unfold session together it in as little as 30 minutes or take longer if you have more time.

Young people can write, colour and interact with Unfold so each study is designed to be used once.

Unfold comes in packs of five studies each one looking at a different encounter with Jesus from the gospels.

Series 2 and 3 are underway and will be published through the Autumn 2024



Resources



New to Faith

“This resource is designed to give a solid foundation and inspire curiosity. It doesn’t aim to answer all the questions but to kindle the flame of faith and give some guidance on the next steps.

The booklet contains QR codes leading to our webpage designed for young people. Here, they can find a selection of videos going deeper into topics, as well as links to our bespoke Bible plan, Bible verses for key emotions young people may come across and a unique worship playlist.

Our hope is that this will be a launchpad into a life of fearlessly following Jesus.”



It’s the season for harvest, light parties, All Souls, Remembrance, Advent & Christmas... Find some inspiration on our **Padlet Board** - and please share your great ideas to help others, too.



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.](#)”



Resources for homegroups and small groups, including materials for youth groups.

Home Groups is a project of SPCK



Training & Events



“The **Equip Festival** is the UK’s ultimate creative ministry conference. It’s designed to equip you with inspiration, ideas, and a passion to explore how you could use creativity to share the Gospel in new ways.

Do you like to be creative, and have a passion for sharing the Gospel?

Whether you’re looking to explore puppet ministry, dive deeper into Gospel Illusions, learn more about Kids Ministry, try your hand at Drama, or gain insights into Science Illustrations, we’ve got you covered with over 70 workshops and seminars

Whether you’re involved in children and family ministry, interested in using creativity in your evangelism, or already part of a creative ministry, The Equip Festival is the place you need to be!

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?”

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



Training & Events



'All Inclusive?' - Invited to Belong:2U
Wed, 16 Oct, 19:30
From £10.00

"All Inclusive?" - Supporting Families
Wed, 23 Oct, 19:30
From £10.00

The Dads' Fire Circle - October Half-Term Online 'Gathering'
Wed, 30 Oct, 20:00 Free

Book onto these and further All Inclusive Events



“Right from their very earliest days, we can help babies and toddlers to meet and know God. In November, we will be running four Parenting for Faith sessions based on [these bitesize videos](#). They will take place over Zoom on 7, 14, 21 and 28 November, from 8.00 – 9.00 pm on Zoom. We invite churches or groups to sign up and invite as many parents/carers of under-fives as they like. We will provide as many breakout rooms as you need (we recommend no more than eight in one group), to provide a place for those parents and carers to get to know each other better and to explore what parenting for faith looks like with a little one.”

Book here

Book onto these and further Messy Church Events



Thursday 10 Oct,
7.30 – 9.00 pm on
Zoom



Tuesday 12 Nov,
7.30 – 9.00 pm on
Zoom



Thursday 11 Nov,
Lunchtime &
Evening sessions on
Zoom



Research

“Influencers: peer evangelism amongst young people in the UK”

This research spoke to UK based Christian young people and youth leaders regarding the methods and perceived effectiveness of peer to peer evangelism and outreach amongst teenagers.

The research, which was the result of a partnership between us Youth for Christ, HOPE Together, Alpha, Church Army, Church of England, Scripture Union, and Youthscape, offers several key findings that we believe provide significant challenge and insight into our current models for evangelism and some of the best ways the UK church can seek to empower young people to share their faith.

A third (34%) of young Christians told us they share their faith regularly”



Hybrid Mission with the 95 - Join the conversation!

Join Scripture Union as they unpack their new research report. Spearheaded by Sarah Davison, in partnership with Liverpool Hope University the research looks at how young people connect in online and offline spaces and what that looks like when exploring faith.

This two-part series aims to take a deeper look into the research and explore how we can use the findings in our mission to reach children and young people. The first part of this training will take place on:

Thursday 10th October | 1pm

or

Monday 14th October | 7.30pm

[Register to read the report](#)

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