



It might be in a parish, a school, a deanery or with a Christian

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Traditionally in parishes, the focus has been on Sunday mornings or evenings, with a strong emphasis on Christian formation in peer groups.

However increasingly churches are exploring other ways and times of engaging with children and young people. A children or youth minister might find themselves involved with:

- All-age / intergenerational worship
- Mid-week groups based in schools and churches
- Collective worship in schools
- Carer and toddler services
- Youth groups
- Messy Church
- Godly play
- Holiday clubs and fun days
- Praise parties
- Sports ministry
- Quiet days
- Early Years groups
- Creative prayer
- Chaplaincy in schools
- Confirmation preparation
- Residential activities
- Training and supporting volunteers

The variety of activities will depend on the needs and vision of the parish, and will probably include meeting with the incumbent or staff team on a regular basis to plan and pray; building a team of volunteers to work alongside in the various activities; and representing the voice and concerns of children and young people to the PCC.

Incumbent

The priest who is in charge of church life in a particular benefice. Depending on the parish his/her title may be Vicar, Rector or Priest-in-Charge

PCC

The Parochial Church Council - each parish has this executive committee, which is made of clergy, church wardens and lay members.

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