



March 2023 Changing the culture



Welcome to the March Growing Faith newsletter

For anyone interested in changing the culture so that we all put children, young people and families at the heart of everything we do as a church. Exciting possibilities around growing church in school: keep scrolling!

If you're piggybacking on someone else's newsletter and yearn for your own, for scintillating updates on church, school and households working together, subscribe at <https://www.cefel.org.uk/Edunewsletters/>

Prayer



Two fun prayer things to join in with: the [Growing Faith Prayer Email](#) to brighten your Inbox on a Monday morning (well, people claim it does.) And the Vision and Strategy weekly 20m [Zoom prayer gathering](#) for doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the church 13.00 every Tuesday.

Growing Faith Strategic Leaders' Programme



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Launch Tuesday 25th April 2023
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Got questions? Read on or email:
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The closing date for applications to the Growing Faith Strategic Leaders' Programme is rapidly approaching (17th March)! If you want to help your organisation think more **instinctively** about the **younger generation** and **grow in your leadership** capacities along the way, then please do consider applying for the programme. You will have the opportunity to **network** with other incredible leaders who have a **heart for children and young people**, drawing upon the **expertise and experiences** of others along the way.

The applications have been rolling in from leaders and aspiring leaders from wide-ranging contexts and we would love to include you too!

For any more information, please do get in touch with
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Networks



There's plenty going on in the world of Growing Faith Networks. A trio of snapshots for you today:

- Chaplains across the country have been gathering to co-shape our new Chaplains in Education Network
- Schools have been (anonymously) telling churches what they really wish they knew [using our online form – do join in!](#) And the *Serving the Local School* Network is nearly open to sign-ups.
- As part of the work to listen, respond to, champion and uphold young and diverse voices, we most recently met with Billy and Demi from Chichester Diocese. We think they're the first Diocesan Young Racial Justice Ambassadors in the country. (Shout if you have some we haven't yet heard about!)



Research



Places for the Growing Faith / Cranmer Hall research symposium July 13th-14th in Durham are filling up fast, so please book soon to avoid disappointment. Details and prices at [Growing Faith Foundation in partnership with Cranmer Hall Research Symposium 13th-14th July 2023 \(tfaforms.net\)](https://tfaforms.net)

Question of the month



One to ask of your class, group, family, companion at the bus stop. We will turn any answers you send us by April 15th into a bijou video compilation. (Consent form at [Growing Faith Foundation:Photography & Filming Media Release Consent Form \(tfaforms.net\)](https://growingfaithfoundation.org/photography-filming-media-release-consent-form-tfaforms.net)) This month's question: **What opportunities do you have to explore faith at home, church and school?** Responses to Hannah.persaud@churchofengland.org.

Hubs

Our first 4 Growing Faith Learning Hubs are underway. Here is a preview of the Diocese of Ely Hub:

Pathfinder Church, Northstowe

The roots to grow, the path to follow, the wings to fly

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WHO: A 5-year old, new town on the edge of Cambridge in the Diocese of Ely, where just over 1000 of a planned 10,000 homes are occupied.

AIM: To explore the possibility of an Outdoor Eco Worship and Learning Environment through a 'service first' approach. Through discipling emerging leaders, the team plan to develop these individuals, creating unique spaces where rooted faith contextually blesses our new town: praying, exploring, and sharing.

THE PATHFINDER PRIMARY SCHOOL

"In our new town, we've been building relationships between families, church, and school from the beginning, and can see how much the young people have to offer especially as they talk about about drawing others into caring for and enjoying the natural world. Becoming a learning hub will give us the support, funding, and encouragement we need to take these relationships and ideas further and deeper, producing tangible results earlier than might otherwise have been possible."

Rev'd Beth Cope,
Northstowe Growing Faith Learning Hub Co-ordinator

Would you like to know more about Growing Faith Learning Hubs?
Contact cheryl.govier@churchofengland.org

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Growing Faith: Connections webinar

GROWING FAITH: CONNECTIONS

EMERGING BEST PRACTICE FOR GROWING FAITH IN HOUSEHOLDS, SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

A REPORT SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE GROWING FAITH FOUNDATION

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Join the webinar on Weds 15th March 10.00-11.00 to hear about this research: sign up for the Zoom link at <https://churchofengland.tfaforms.net/4903670>

Church in school



We're at a very early stage of working out how to encourage and enable church in school to happen well. If this is a dream you share, a reality you live out already, or just something you're intrigued by, do let us know – drop an email to lucy.moore@churchofengland.org.

With prayers for a month of bringing homes, school and church closer together in your parish

Lucy, Cheryl, Stephen, Hannah

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