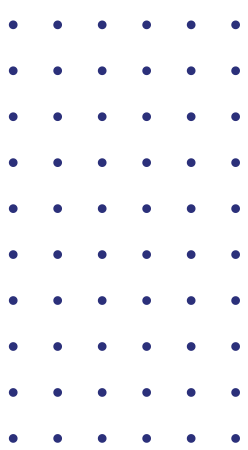


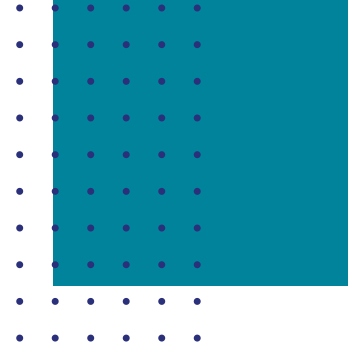
# ORDINANDS FOR GROWING FAITH

*A Network by the Growing Faith Foundation*

*Information for the 2024 sessions.*



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## THE GROWING FAITH FOUNDATION

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Growing Faith is the movement that exists to put children, young people and families instinctively at the heart of all the mission and ministry of the Church by changing the culture of the Church of England.

It involves churches, schools and households working together to help children, young people and families have life in all its fullness.

The Growing Faith Foundation seeks to benefit children and young people, helping them create the world they want to live in, specifically through the lens of the Christian faith.

Every Diocese has appointed one or more Growing Faith Champions to take forward the Growing Faith mission locally. On a national level, the Foundation is also developing work in four main areas: Networks, Learning Hubs, Programmes and Research.

We really hope this brochure encourages you to join the Ordinands network, and inspires you get involved in the Growing Faith movement more broadly.

# GROWING FAITH NETWORKS

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There are AMAZING people all over the country working for the culture change we long to see. We're passionate about connecting people, and facilitating peer support and collaborative learning.

We offer networks for different people working within and between the school-church-home spheres and we'd love you to join us!



## Our networks...

- Prioritise the voices of children and young people, and look at all our work through the lens of Growing Faith
- Have a shared ownership and focus
- Have high quality resourcing and facilitation
- Promote long term commitment and creating a movement
- Address issues of equality, diversity and inclusion at every stage of their work
- Have clear logistics and a focus on specific context and grassroots experience
- Create safe spaces. They are highly relational and seek to learn and grow in wisdom, understanding and love.



## ORDINANDS FOR GROWING FAITH

The network is formed of ordinands from a range of TEIs and contexts. We meet in order to:

- Increase our understanding of Growing Faith and the contribution our roles currently and potentially make – now and in our future ministries
- Explore themes relevant to our work together and learn from others in the field
- Provide peer support in a safe space, including encouragement, ideas, resource-sharing and prayer
- Engage in critical reflections and challenge with one another

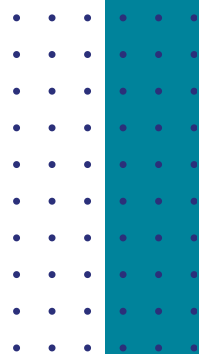


Sign up here!

# WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE ORDINANDS NETWORK?

Over the course of these sessions, we hope that:

- We will gather regularly and build long-term, supportive relationships
- We will understand the Growing Faith commitment and how and where we are contributing, and that this knowledge will help us in our work
- We will share our knowledge, experience, resources and skills for the common good of the group, and ultimately the benefit of the communities we serve
- We will learn together from others in the fields we have chosen to explore, and from our peer
- We will increasingly see our wider studies and role through the lens of Growing Faith





# HOW DOES THE ORDINANDS NETWORK CONNECT?

The network consists of 9 x 60mins sessions on Zoom over the course of a year, hosted and facilitated by the foundation.



# ORDINANDS NETWORK SCHEDULE 2024

Below are the dates and themes for the remaining sessions of the network:

Date	Theme
Wednesday 17th January 2024 12-1pm	Toddler Groups
Wednesday 14th February 2024 12-1pm	Chaplaincy in Education
Wednesday 13th March 2024 12-1pm	Working with parachurch organisations
Wednesday 17th April 2024 12-1pm	Growing Faith Hubs
Wednesday 15th May 2024 12-1pm	Growing Faith Research



# OTHER CURRENT NETWORKS

Read on to find out more about all of the Growing Faith Networks currently up and running.

If you would like any further information on the Ordinands Network, or any of the others detailed here, please contact Hannah Persaud, the Growing Faith Networks Lead:

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## Toddler Leaders and Champions

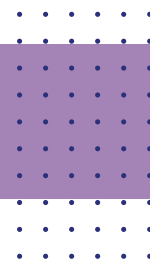
This network is for people who run toddler groups, as well as leaders in their church. Come and be encouraged, equipped and inspired to see Growing Faith in this precious ministry.



## Parachurch Organisations

A big and vibrant network of parachurch colleagues from all over the country, from some of the most well-known national charities through to our amazing small and mighty local organisations. Collaborating to effect culture change together – all welcome!

# OTHER CURRENT NETWORKS



## Serving the Local School

A network run in collaboration with dioceses. How can our churches best contribute to the life of the local school(s)? Join a group of people from your diocese who are passionate about church-school connection.



## Chaplains in Education

Focussing on the most pressing concerns of our chaplains, and the unique role they play in Growing Faith, this network seeks to support and empower colleagues through both national gatherings and small group peer support groups.



## Trauma and Mental Health Awareness for Growing Faith

A network which platforms the significant expertise and resourcing of colleagues in parachurch organisations and dioceses, combined with the opportunity to consider it all in the light of your own context. A brilliant opportunity to improve the way we value and work with others. Do join us!



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