





CHAPLAINS IN EDUCATION

A Network by the Growing
Faith Foundation
in partnership with the Centre
for Chaplaincy in Education

Information for the 2024-2025 sessions.





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THE GROWING FAITH FOUNDATION

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.



CENTRE FOR CHAPLAINCY IN EDUCATION

CCE exists to transform the lives of children and young people through educational chaplaincy, giving all young people the opportunity to flourish in communities where pastoral and spiritual care are foundational. CCE is an ecumenical partnership, led by the Spirit in faith, hope and love with a mission to transform chaplaincy in education. We love working with a wide range of partners in education and the churches.

We have a vision for a chaplaincy in every school and college in the UK.

CCE has a particular focus on Advocacy and Formation.

Advocacy: To increase awareness of the value of and support for chaplaincy in educational settings (specifically schools and colleges). This is leading to:

- a platform of experience and expertise to strategically inform education and church decisions locally, regionally and nationally.
- a higher profile of chaplaincy, widening and deepening relationships and growth.

Formation: To provide and facilitate induction and ongoing training and support for all chaplains in education. This is leading to:

• high quality and effective chaplaincy teams, who are well trained and supported, operating in an increasing number of school and colleges.

GROWING FAITH NETWORKS

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.



CHAPLAINS IN EDUCATION

The network is collaboration between the Growing Faith Foundation and the Centre for Chaplaincy in Education, for chaplains (and those who work and volunteer in similar capacities) in schools and post-16 education. We meet in order to:

- Increase our understanding of Growing Faith and the contribution our roles currently and potentially make through our work with children and young people, families, schools and churches
- 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

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE CHAPLAINS 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 children and young people we serve
- We will learn together from experts in the fields we have chosen to explore, and from each other
- We will work increasingly in collaboration to support the spiritual flourishing of children

and young people

HOW DOES THE CHAPLAINS NETWORK CONNECT?

The network consists of 3 x 90mins sessions on Zoom over the course of a year, hosted by the Growing Faith Foundation. Each session comprises national input and small group peer support conversations.



CHAPLAINS NETWORK SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Below are the dates, themes and links for the 2024-2025 sessions for the Chaplains in Education Network.

Date	Time
Monday 29th April 2024	11am - 12:30pm
Wednesday 8th July 2024	1-2:30pm
Thursday 3rd October 2024	9:30-11am
Tuesday 14th January 2025	1-2:30pm

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 Chaplains 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.



Ordinands for Growing Faith

Are you an ordinand? We meet at lunchtime once a month to explore our ministry and studies through the lens of Growing Faith.



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!



The Growing Faith Foundation

Email: growingfaith@churchofengland.org

Or visit: https://www.churchofengland.org/about/educationand-schools/growing-faith-foundation