

growing faith



March Newsletter

Dear Growing Faith colleagues

Check out opportunities and reports from the merry world of Growing Faith. In this newsletter:

- enjoy hearing from young people about what they care about
- lead a research project
- book onto the May research conference
- the first Growing Faith Big Lunch
- hear from our Glossopdale Hub
- discover GF Networks
- celebrate cohort 2 of the Strategic Leaders' Programme
- upcoming vacancies in the Education Office
- Centre for Chaplaincy in Education conference

Hearing the Voice of Children and Young People



We had an excellent conversation with the students at SMSJ on 1st of March. It was a great opportunity to ask them questions and hear their opinions! One statement we were really moved by was when a student said, "when you ask us questions, sometimes we might not know the answer, but we know that we want something different than what's happening, so we do need a lot of your help", how wise! You can watch a snippet of it [here](#).

Research

Applications welcome!

Could you run a local research project around the intersections of home, church and school? Or do you know some young people who would love to lead one? Details [here](#): but be quick! The closing date is March 22nd.

A promotional graphic for the Growing Faith Foundation Research Conference 2024. The graphic features a purple and teal color scheme with abstract geometric shapes. On the left, the text reads: "growing faith" with a logo, "CUDDESDON", "A TIME TO PLANT AND A TIME TO UPROOT", "The Growing Faith Foundation Research Conference 2024, co-hosted by Ripon College, Cuddesdon", "29th-30th May 2024", and "Ripon College, OX44 9EX". On the right, there is a photograph of a woman and several children sitting on the grass in a garden, engaged in planting or tending to plants.

Research Conference at Ripon College, Cuddesdon

Our research conference, co-hosted by Ripon College, Cuddesdon, is fast approaching! We have a fantastic programme of speakers, fascinating poster presentations from our researchers, and the chance to spend two wonderful days on the beautiful college campus, surrounded by so many Growing Faith

friends with a shared passion for the faith development of children and young people. Places are limited, so be sure to book early to avoid disappointment! You can register [here](#).

The First Growing Faith Big Lunch



Ignite and the Growing Faith Foundation hosted our first Big Lunch on 7 March. Over 80 people gathered together, with children and young people leading our worship. Find out what people thought in our [short video](#). Details on the next Big Lunch in **Nottingham on 19 June** will be out soon.

Hubs



Our Derby Hub

The Growing Faith in the Glossopdale Mission Community in the Diocese of Derby launched in May 2023 with a focus on engaging with young people as they transition from primary school to secondary school. Take a look at their [annual video](#).

Networks

Want to know more about our networks? Wondering if they're right for you? Watch our new promotional video to find out more, and hear from some of our current members on the impact being involved has had on them.



New network scoping meeting

We are holding a scoping meeting for people who work with/care for Looked After Children on 13th May 11am – contact Hannah Persaud for more info (hannah.persaud@churchofengland.org) and sign up [here](#).

Serving the Local School Cohort 2

The second cohort of Serving the Local School starts in April. You can find out more [here](#), and sign up [here](#).

Programmes



Cohort 2 Celebration Event - 1st March, 2024

We had the great joy of wrapping up the year with Cohort 2 at Church House on 1st March. It was such a privilege to see this incredible group of strategic leaders impacting their worlds in such meaningful ways. We loved welcoming students from St Mary and St John's School who led us beautifully in worship and shared their thoughts on the participants' projects.

Upcoming vacancies in the Church of England Education Office

Keep an eye out on [Pathways](#), the Church of England's recruitment platform, for three exciting new vacancies being advertised later this week! The successful applicants for these roles will work closely alongside the Growing Faith Foundation, spearheading the new FLOURISH initiative. Could we be welcoming you into the Education Office very soon?

CCE National Education Chaplaincy Conference



Book now!

CCE National Education Chaplaincy Conference
Faith in Wide Spaces
Thursday 13 June 2024
Location - St Mellitus College, London

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Chaplaincy
in Education

The CCE National Education Chaplaincy Conference, Faith in Wide Places is taking place in London at St Mellitus College, 24 Collingham Road, SW5 0LX on **Thursday 13 June 2024**. Book your place now!

For a full programme and a link to the conference booking page please follow this [link](#).

The keynote speaker will be Dr Paula Gooder, speaking on Faith in wide spaces. There will also be times for prayer, worship, fellowship, networking and fun. You can access the full programme [here](#).

The Growing Faith team look forward to seeing you there!

Sending Easter blessings to you all for your own exciting ministry linking church home and school, with children and young people at the centre
Cheryl, Lucy, Hannah, Tobi, Stephen, Elysia
The Growing Faith team

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