

growing faith



June Newsletter

Dear friends,

A brief overview of God at work in the Growing Faith Foundation across the country.
Thanks for the part you play in changing the culture!

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Our Upcoming Research Webinar



We're hosting a webinar **this Friday, 21st June 11.00-12.00**, exploring the 2023-2024 Growing Faith research projects. Don't miss the chance to hear Emma Coy, author of the [Research Digest](#), share important highlights and insights with us all. Valuable for all CYPF ministers, clergy, ordinands, chaplains... Registration closes at 12:00 on Thursday 20th: [sign up for your free place here](#).

The Growing Faith Research Conference

What a great gathering we had in beautiful Ripon College Cuddesdon to listen to mind-stretching talks from top theologians like Sarah Brush and Matt Kirkpatrick, enjoy in-depth explorations of GF research and other projects through fact-packed posters and to launch the [Research Digest 2024](#)! Perhaps the only launch ever to feature Digestive Biscuits. Thanks to all who joined us. Where shall we go in 2025?

Spotlight on one of the 2023-4 research projects



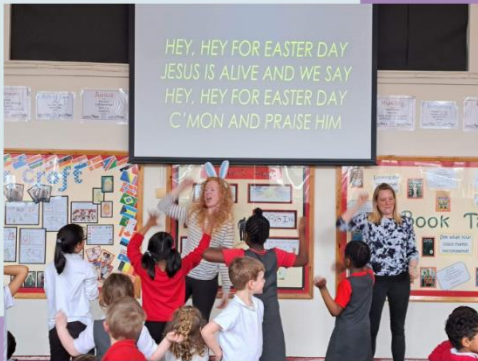
Sarah Rittman examined the impact of a model of hybrid intergenerational church, including Forest Church, on the faith development of children within it, at All Saints' Church, Haslingfield, Diocese of Ely.

"Our research was entitled 'Being church all together most of the time': Faith and Belonging among Children in Hybrid Intergenerational Church in Haslingfield. We wanted to explore the impact of this model on the belonging and faith development of children. Through consulting the children, young people, their carers, and the adult church family, we found that their belonging was very secure in this model, and their faith development is not impacted by being in church most of the time. The small changes made can benefit more than just the children and young people.

The first photo above shows children taking part in a focus group - standing between agree and disagree signs to open up discussion on a topic. The second photo shows the carers' focus group discussing their children's faith development."

You can read about the project [here](#), or find out more at the [webinar on the 21st June](#).

Become a Growing Faith Learning Hub!



GROWING FAITH LEARNING HUBS

**APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!**



There's just under a month left to apply to become a Growing Faith Hub, so you'd better be quick! If you'd like our support on continuing to put children and young people at the heart of all you do in your community or context, then we're excited to read your application! Just [complete this form](#) by the 14th July to be considered, or [find out more about the opportunity here](#).

FLOURISH

The 12 Dioceses taking part in the 2 year FLOURISH pilot are busy getting plans in place for an autumn term launch in the 40 locations. Please pray for the schools and churches involved and especially for the young leaders about to step up and serve their communities through their leadership. And do watch out for new jobs about to be advertised in some of those Dioceses to support them. (The Dioceses involved are Bath & Wells, Birmingham, Bristol, Chester, Derby, Lichfield, Peterborough, Portsmouth, Salisbury, Southwell & Notts, Southwark, Truro.) Representatives are meeting for a launch day in London in early July.

The 'Connecting You' Series



We're so excited to let you know about our upcoming 'Connecting You' series, taking place from the 10th - 17th July! This is a series of one-off sessions, offering you the chance to connect with like-minded friends and colleagues to explore the theme of each meeting. Throughout each gathering, there will be opportunities to contribute, learn from one another, hear from some national voices and share experiences from your own context. You can find out about the sessions and [sign up through this form](#). We'd love for you to register for as many sessions as you feel are relevant to you, and, if you know of anyone who would find the series useful, please do pass on the details.

The Growing Faith Strategic Leaders' Programme Residential



Members of cohort 3 of our Strategic Leaders' Programme enjoyed a fantastic few days away at High Leigh last week. The group looked closely at conflict and reconciliation, and the creation of psychological safe spaces, in a challenging but supportive environment. Watch the video above to find out about the huge impact it's had on some of our participants, and, if you're thinking about taking part in the next cohort, you can [register your interest here](#).

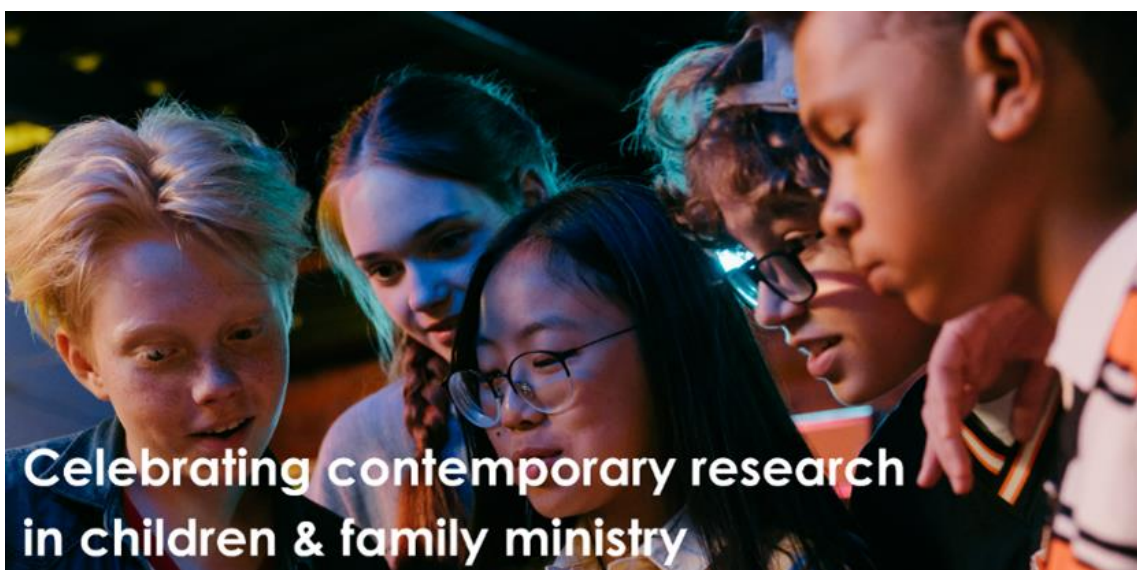
Church of England Digital Channels

The Church of England is looking afresh at how we use digital channels to continue to equip churches, engage regular churchgoers and connect with those open to hearing more about our faith. The Church of England's Digital Team is working with independent research partners Thinks Insight & Strategy to conduct research both with the public and with local church leaders. We would love to hear from you, and would appreciate it if you would share your views by taking part in the survey for local church leaders. We would like to speak to clergy, PCC members, church staff or volunteers and licenced or authorised lay ministers. The [survey can be found here](#), and will close on Friday 5 July. We look forward to hearing from you.

A survey from CYM

Does kids or youth work make a difference? Does anyone value younger generations in the church? Whose role is it? How should clergy be involved? Or what do parents think? We want to find the answers to some of these questions by asking a wide range of people for their views about ministry with children, youth or families. So, anyone who grew up attending church, or church leaders, or Christian parents and grandparents, or volunteers or paid kid or youth team, family workers, regional or national workers, chaplains, schools ministry, and even those who are no longer involved in these ministries, we want to hear about your views and experiences as part of CYM's research: Taking the pulse of ministry amongst children, youth and families! Please spend about 5mins [completing the online survey](#) to share your views. Everyone who participates has the opportunity to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

CYM Online Conference



This inaugural online research conference, hosted by CYM, is for children and family practitioners; ministry leaders; parents/carers; students and researchers. There will be a keynote presentation by Gareth Crispin (ForMission), plus paper presentations, panel discussions and opportunity to ask questions, propose research areas and network. Please [register to attend this exciting online event](#), free of charge to attend (which also give you access to all recorded sessions after the event). Or email [Sarah Holmes](#) if you'd like to share any research news at the event - there is still a bit of space in the programme.

Cranmer Hall's new Certificate in Children's and Youth Ministry

We're so pleased that from September, Cranmer Hall will be offering a Certificate in Children's or Youth Ministry. This two-year, part-time programme will train students to enable children & young people to grow in faith. [Find out more here](#).

Join the Dots Webinar



Trauma is walking into all of our doors, but often is hard to see. It sits in the background of children, young people and adults, from all walks of life. Faith organisations should be welcoming and safe environments, but this is sadly not always the case. How do we best support and create a safe space for those who have experienced trauma, helping them find community, and supporting their wellbeing? Join our friends at Join the Dots on July 12th, to learn the first steps to creating safe spaces during our church activities for those who have experienced trauma. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Every blessing for the month ahead.
Tobi, Stephen, Hannah, Cheryl, Lucy, Elysia,
The Growing Faith team.

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