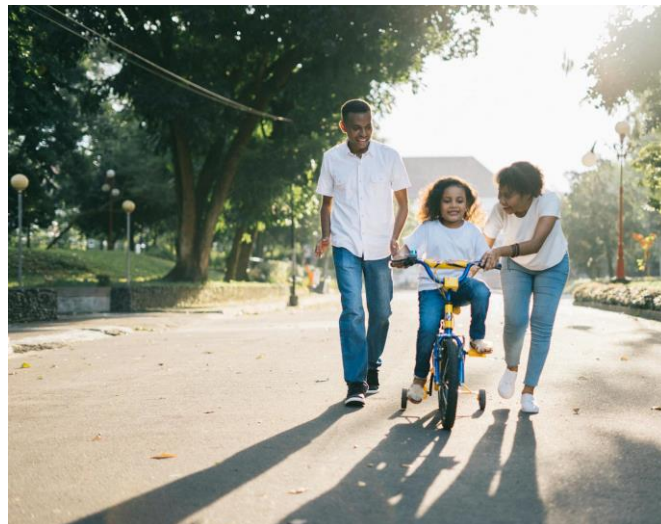


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May newsletter

Dear Growing Faith friends,

Like the family teamwork in the photo above, it is a delight to work with you on so many exciting aspects of the home, church and school intersections. Read on for updates on how you and yours can get even more involved in putting CYP(children and young people) at the heart of all we do as a church.

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Voice of CYP



Tobi had the absolute pleasure of speaking to young people from St Mary's & St John's CE School in Hendon, Northwest London, a few weeks ago. She was challenged by this comment - "*sometimes we might not know the answer, but we know that we want something different than what's happening*", which made her think about the expectations we place on CYP. Here is a glimpse of CYP talking about what matters to them: we wonder what moves and challenges you from the video above.

The next Growing Faith Big Lunch



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Big Lunch

ST. MARGARET'S, ASPLEY,
319 ASPLEY LANE,
NOTTINGHAM
NG8 5GE

19th JUNE 2024, 10:00 - 14:30

COMPLETE THE FORM TO REGISTER

We're so excited to invite you to the next Big Lunch in Nottingham, at [St. Margaret's Church, Aspley](#). With CYP-led worship, a chance to catch up with Growing Faith friends from across the country, and an opportunity to hear from our amazing Hub at the Archway Learning Trust, it promises to be a great event! Book your place at [this link](#) - we can't wait to see you there!

Apply to be a Growing Faith Hub!



GROWING FAITH
LEARNING HUBS

APPLICATIONS
NOW OPEN!

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We want to support and resource 12 new Learning Hubs, to begin their journey with us in January 2025. If you'd like to find out more about what it means to be a Hub, and what we can do for you, you can read more [here](#). If you're feeling inspired, then we'd love to receive your application via [this form](#).

A new network opportunity - 'Connecting You' Series



Watch this space for our new series of online 'Connecting You' events coming up 8-18th July. We'll be providing one-off networking events for people who want to connect with one another over specific areas of ministry and particular demographics of children and young people. We're just finalising the plans this week, and will be in touch with full details very soon.

An update on FLOURISH (Church in Schools)



The 12 pilot dioceses have been selected from a very strong field and we are looking forward to meeting the 40 new worshipping community leaders at a launch day on July 2nd.

JOIN Resources



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The new resources to help churches recruit volunteers with children and young people

churchofengland.org/JOIN

The Church of England has launched JOIN, an exciting new suite of resources to help churches, parishes and worshipping communities recruit volunteers with children and young people. The resource toolkit, which has been piloted in five

dioceses with great success, includes powerful films, free posters, social media slides and guidance on how to plan a successful recruitment campaign, recruit safely and support volunteers going forward.

The resources have been designed by the nationally funded 30k Project, which is chaired by the Bishop of Leicester. As part of the wider vision to double the number of children and young people in our churches by 2030, the 30k Project seeks to help churches recruit, train and support 30,000 new children and youth leaders by 2030. The aim is that 27,000 of these will be volunteers. The JOIN resources have been designed to equip churches, parishes, and worshipping communities with everything they need to run a successful volunteer recruitment campaign and inspire more people to step forward and join in with leading children and young people.

The resources have been launched in time for churches to plan ahead for June, which will see the 40th anniversary of National Volunteers' Week (3-9 June).

However, these resources can be used whenever is appropriate.

The JOIN resources are free and available to all at churchofengland.org/JOIN.

Volunteers Week - Inspiring Governance Information Session

Have you ever thought about becoming a School Governor? Many professional skills and expertise are in demand by Schools and Academies looking to grow their Governing Boards. Join Inspiring Governance for a 45 minute session, on Tuesday 4th June at 12:15, to find out more about becoming a School Governor and how Inspiring Governance can support you to find a vacancy and get you started on your journey to become a School Governor. [Register here.](#)

Future Youth



Do you have a heart to serve the younger generation? Do you want to develop skills in children's and youth work? Future Youth (FY), the new strand of the Ministry Experience Scheme, is an opportunity for 18s-30s to spend a year growing in young people and children's ministry through ministry placements, training and mentoring. To find out more about this exciting opportunity, [click here](#) - and please do share widely with any 18-30s who may be interested.

Every blessing to you in all of your ministry with children and young people for the month ahead.

Tobi, Stephen, Hannah, Cheryl, Lucy, Elysia,
The Growing Faith team.

Other ways to connect:

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