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## July Newsletter



Dear Growing Faith colleagues,

Thanks for the part you're playing in the culture change, which, by the grace of God and your partnership in the Gospel, really is happening! Three important invitations to bring to your attention this month for a bit of joy before you head off on holiday. And please make sure your colleagues are aware of them too:

- **Join us at the launch of a significant piece of research into school chaplaincy on July 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Get your 2025 Learning Hub application in by 14<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Join in one or more of the Connecting You webinars in the next fortnight**

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## Voice of CYP.



We're excited to share updates from our advisory group pilot, which includes enthusiastic participation from The Gryphon School in the Salisbury Diocese. A special thank you to the school and diocese for their support. After three workshop sessions led by Tobi, students provided invaluable feedback. One student said, "Church is boring because it is just somebody talking" reminding us of the need to make church more dynamic and interactive. This pilot highlights the importance of meeting children and young people where they are. Across the country, great efforts are being made to make church fun and engaging. Thank you to everyone involved for helping us create a more vibrant and inclusive church experience!

## Join us for the launch of the research report into educational chaplaincy.

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BRENDAN  
RESEARCH

**Launch of the 2024  
collaborative research project  
into Educational Chaplaincy**

an opportunity to celebrate school and college  
chaplaincy together - with afternoon tea!

24th July 2024, 2:00-5:00,  
The Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street,  
Manchester, M2 5NS

Complete the form to secure your free place

Brendan Research will be sharing the fascinating findings of their research into educational chaplaincy, in Manchester (an easy walk from Manchester Piccadilly Station) on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-5:00. You are all warmly invited: [please sign up here to book your free place](#). There will be afternoon tea!

## Last chance to apply to become a Learning Hub in 2025!



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**APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE JULY 14th!**

Less than 1 week to go!

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Do you have a great idea for a Hub project or focus? Then we'd really love to hear from you! We're hoping to resource 12 new Hubs, to start their journey with us in 2025 – could your community or context be one of them? If you'd like to be considered, you'll have to be quick: application close on July 14<sup>th</sup>. You can [read more about what it means to be a Hub here](#), and [submit your application through this form](#).

## The Connecting You Series.

**COMING SOON:  
THE 'CONNECTING YOU' SERIES**

A series of one-off online networking events, to connect over specific areas of ministry and particular demographics of children and young people.

10th-17th July 2024

Click the link to find out more and register

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The Connecting You series is now underway, but you can still sign up for the remaining upcoming sessions. We're offering some great content, on a variety of topics, so do join us for any of the sessions that interest you. You can find out what's on offer and register [through this form](#).

## An update from our Leeds Hub.

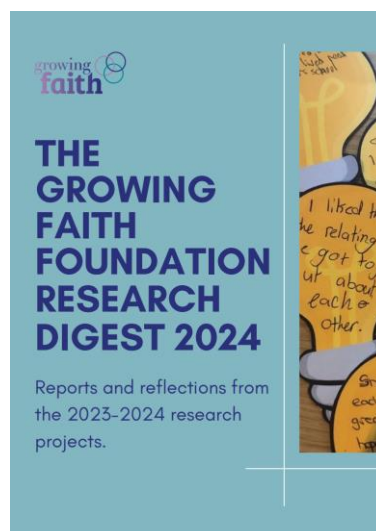


The team in our Hub in Allerton, Leeds, are working to plan, build and grow together in an estate context to create welcoming spaces for the formation of faith and discipleship. Watch the video above, and [read their first report here](#) to find out more.

## We're hiring!

If the work of our Hubs inspires you, you might want to consider applying to join our team as our new Hubs Lead. You'll be taking on and supporting an exciting portfolio of existing Hubs, while joining our new 2025 Hubs almost from the start of their journey with us. If this sounds like your ideal next step, [check out the job description here](#).

## The Growing Faith Research Digest.



This is a reminder to check out the wealth of food for thought in the [Growing Faith Research Digest!](#) Put together by Emma Coy, Mission Enabler (Children and Families) at the Diocese of Guildford, and

also a Growing Faith researcher herself, it contains some fascinating findings and recommendations to support work in your context. Enjoy!

## The latest episode of the Growing Faith podcast.

**episode 8**

This month, Hannah Persaud speaks to pupils and staff from Weston Favell school, and church leaders at St. Peter's Church, Weston Favell, about their amazing church/school partnership.

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The Growing Faith podcast with children, young people and families at the heart of every conversation sharing stories about where God's at work across church, home and school.

Have you got a story to share?  
We would love to hear from you!  
Contact [growingfaith@churchofengland.org](mailto:growingfaith@churchofengland.org)

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EDUCATION OFFICE

The latest episode of the Growing Faith podcast is out now! This inspiring conversation explores the partnership between Weston Favell Primary School and St. Peter's Church, Weston Favell. [Click here to listen now.](#)

## Save the date!

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# Big Lunches 2024

We're making plans for the next Growing Faith Big Lunch, on November 13<sup>th</sup>, in [Holy Trinity Church, Nailsea](#), in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Bookings will open soon, and we'll be sharing more information in our newsletter and on social media, but please do go ahead and put the date in your diaries now – we'd really love to see you there!

## 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.](#)

With thanks for all you’re doing with and for children and young people where you are

The Growing Faith team,

Cheryl, Lucy, Hannah, Stephen, Elysia, Tobi.

