



## Children's Work

### YNE District

District website and facebook page, with a growing variety of resources. If there is something you would especially like to see let us know! Let Victoria know if you would like to sign up for the newsletter

<https://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/district-youth/>

[www.facebook.com/YNEyouthandchildren/](http://www.facebook.com/YNEyouthandchildren/)

### Think U Know

Offers online safety resources for young people. Also offers a brief online course for workers

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### Messy Church

Ideas for building church based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Site has ideas, resources and training opportunities

[www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk)

### Godly Play

Experiential method of telling Bible stories

[www.godlyplay.uk](http://www.godlyplay.uk)

### The Well

Methodist church learning hub for supporting and equipping anyone working with children and young people

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/the-well-learning-hub-equipping-and-supporting-workers/>

### Children's and Youth Work Magazine

Articles, ideas and guidance.

Published by Youthscape

[www.youthandchildrens.work](http://www.youthandchildrens.work)

### Scripture Union

Resources, holiday club materials, family holidays and local support

[www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk)

### BRF Ideas Hub

Free ideas for midweek and Sunday groups as well as all age services

[www.ideas.brf.org.uk](http://www.ideas.brf.org.uk)

### Methodist Church

Methodist church resources for children's youth and family work

[www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/)

### Go Teach

Weekly Bible teaching resources for churches, Sunday Schools, weekday clubs etc. Five streams that cover 2-14 year olds

[www.goteach.org.uk](http://www.goteach.org.uk)

### Children Matter

Coalition of organisations including Urban Saints, Scripture Union and Kingsway. A real store house of information and wisdom

[www.childrenmatter.net](http://www.childrenmatter.net)

### Kidology

Resources, training and forums to equip and encourage those who minister to children.

American site, requires subscription

[www.kidology.org](http://www.kidology.org)



## Children's Work Continued

### **CURBS**

Offers training and resources for those working with children in an urban context

[www.curbsproject.org.uk](http://www.curbsproject.org.uk)

### **Urban Saints**

Resources, group support, holidays and events for 8-16's

[www.urbansaints.org](http://www.urbansaints.org)

### **Family Fit**

Mobile phone app that aims to help families get fit and grow in faith together

[www.family.fit](http://www.family.fit)

### **Meaningful Chocolate**

Easter and Christmas packs and resources

[www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk](http://www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk)

### **The Well creative Children's Ministry**

Offshoot of the main The Well site. A blog with lots of creative ideas for work with children aged 0-11

[www.methodistchildrencreative.ministry.org](http://www.methodistchildrencreative.ministry.org)

### **Fischy Music**

Children's songs that support emotional, spiritual and social wellbeing

[www.fischymusic.com](http://www.fischymusic.com)

### **Jesus Club**

A network of ministries that cater for people with intellectual disabilities. Based in Australia. Have to join and they ask for a voluntary contribution.

[www.jesusclub.org.au](http://www.jesusclub.org.au)

### **Story Keepers**

Animated Christian video series telling of the adventures of a family of early Christians. Most are available on YouTube or through other suppliers such as Eden

### **Making Your Own**

Offers instructions for making just about anything! The educational and craft tabs offer some unusual ideas that could be used with children or youth

[www.makingyourown.co.uk](http://www.makingyourown.co.uk)

### **Arise Ministries**

Supports outreach to children in your community

[www.ariseministries.net](http://www.ariseministries.net)

### **Maynards Groovy Bible Tunes**

Songs for seasons and Bible stories. For use in Sunday School, holiday clubs etc.

[www.maynardsgroovytunes.co.uk](http://www.maynardsgroovytunes.co.uk)

### **Roots on the Web**

Ecumenical lectionary based resources, plus archived materials

Requires subscription

[www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)

### **Going for Growth**

Church of England Website with resources and information for children's and youth workers

[www.going4growth.com](http://www.going4growth.com)

### **DLTK-Bible**

Loads of free printable resources for use with children including colouring pages, word searches etc.

[www.dltk-bible.com](http://www.dltk-bible.com)

### **Bath and Wells Diocese**

Anglican Diocesan website – useful source of resources

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-children/youth-children/resources/>



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### GodVenture

Lots of free ideas and resources to buy. Useful and creative  
[www.godventure.co.uk](http://www.godventure.co.uk)

### York Diocese

Various resources and ideas. There is also the opportunity to sign up for a very useful newsletter, just remember it is the Anglican website so not all the events are relevant.  
<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-young-people-churches/resources-and-information/>

### Together @ Home

This website has been producing great quality free resources to support churches during the pandemic. As we exit lockdown the creator is moving towards a paying model.  
<https://www.tath.co.uk>  
<https://www.foundationstones.co.uk>

### The Kitchen Table Project

Resources to help develop faith at home as well as small group ideas  
<https://kitchentable.org.uk>

### Children's Ministry

American resource site  
[www.childrensministry.com](http://www.childrensministry.com)

### Muddy Church

Resources and ideas for being a church outside the walls of the building  
<https://www.muddychurch.co.uk>

### What's in the Bible

New videos from the creator of Veggie Tales  
<https://whatsinthebible.com>

### ChildLine

Loads of incredibly useful advice for children and young people  
<https://www.childline.org.uk>



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### National Youth Agency

National body for the youth work profession

[www.nya.org.uk](http://www.nya.org.uk)

### CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society)

Lots of resources about discipleship and growing leaders

[www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk)

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### Youth Work Resource

An excellent website which lists resources aimed at Christian youth ministry

[www.youthworkresource.com](http://www.youthworkresource.com)

### The Well

Methodist church learning hub for supporting and equipping anyone working with children and young people

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/children-youth-family-ministry/the-well-learning-hub-equipping-and-supporting-workers/>

### Children's and Youth Work Magazine

Articles, ideas and guidance

[www.youthandchildrens.work](http://www.youthandchildrens.work)

### YCYH (York Christian Youth Holidays)

Holidays for children and young people. Different camps for different age groups and volunteering opportunities for older young people

[www.ycyh.org.uk](http://www.ycyh.org.uk)

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### Golddigger Trust

Working to equip young people to be able to make positive choices about their lives  
[www.golddiggertrust.co.uk](http://www.golddiggertrust.co.uk)

### Youth for Christ

Offers resources for 7-25 year olds  
Requires a subscription  
[www.resources.yfc.co.uk](http://www.resources.yfc.co.uk)

### Urban Saints

Resources, group support, holidays and events for 8-16's  
[www.urbansaints.org](http://www.urbansaints.org)

### Girl Got Faith

A guide for teenage girls, includes information about faith, self esteem and loads more  
<https://girlgotfaith.com/about/>

### Youth Specialities

American site offering resources and a blog  
[www.youthspecialities.com](http://www.youthspecialities.com)

### Church Army

Christian charity that offers resources for work with young people and the church  
[www.churcharmy.org](http://www.churcharmy.org)

### Scripture Union

Resources, holiday club materials, family holidays and local support  
[www.scriptureunion.org.uk](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk)

### Youth Access

The national membership organisation for young people's information, advice and counselling services  
<https://www.youthaccess.org.uk>

### Ministry Architects

Another American site! Offers high quality blog, curriculum and resources  
[www.ministryarchitects.com](http://www.ministryarchitects.com)

### Bath and Wells Diocese

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## worship

### Methodist Church

Methodist church resources for children's youth and family work  
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### Spill the Beans

Lectionary based resources with a Scottish flavour for Sunday Schools, junior church and worship leaders  
[www.spillbeans.org.uk](http://www.spillbeans.org.uk)

### Lost Sheep

Australian company that offers stories and resources to help parents, teachers and children's workers to build the faith of children.  
[www.lostsheep.com.au](http://www.lostsheep.com.au)

### Roots on the Web

Ecumenical lectionary based resources, plus archived materials  
Requires subscription  
[www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)

### The Bible Project

Free educational resources, offered with the aim of making the Bible accessible to everyone  
<https://bibleproject.com>

### Family Friendly Churches Trust

A variety of resources family friendly worship  
[www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk](http://www.familyfriendlychurches.org.uk)

### Diddy Disciples

Worship and storytelling resources for use with babies, toddlers and young children  
[www.diddydisciples.org](http://www.diddydisciples.org)

### Singing the Faith Plus

Aims to supplement the hymn book with resources for worship  
[www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/)

### All Age Resources

Provides free to use all age resources. Includes short talks, drama scripts, puppet scripts and more  
[www.allageresources.org](http://www.allageresources.org)

### Homegroups.org.uk

Part of SPCK. Offers resources for running home groups. The resources are free but require an account.  
<https://homegroups.org.uk>

### Messy Church

Ideas for building church based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Site has ideas, resources and training opportunities  
[www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk)

### The Little Worship Company

Resources for parents and carers to use with their children. Includes DVD's, apps and music  
[www.littleworshipcompany.com](http://www.littleworshipcompany.com)

### BRF Ideas Hub

Free ideas for midweek and Sunday groups as well as all age services  
[www.ideas.brf.org.uk](http://www.ideas.brf.org.uk)

### Muddy Church

Resources and ideas for being a church outside the walls of the building  
<https://www.muddychurch.co.uk>

### Engage Worship

Sam and Sara Hargreaves offer resources for creative worship. Includes free and paid for resources. Requires a free account for access to any items  
<https://engageworship.org>



## Schools work

### Assemblies

Ideas for use in collective worship in primary and secondary schools from SPCK  
[www.assemblies.org.uk](http://www.assemblies.org.uk)

### Collective Worship

Ready-made assemblies with multi-media  
[www.collective.worship.com](http://www.collective.worship.com)

### Open the Book

Creative story telling resource from the Bible Society for use in primary schools  
[www.biblesociety.org.uk/getinvolved/open-the-book/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/getinvolved/open-the-book/)

### Articles of Faith

Religious artefacts available to purchase to help talk about world faiths as well as Christianity  
[www.articlesoffaith.co.uk](http://www.articlesoffaith.co.uk)

### NATRE

The association for RE professionals. It works to support those who teach and lead in all schools and institutions and at all stages of their career.  
Requires a paid membership  
[www.natre.org.uk](http://www.natre.org.uk)

### Barnabas in Schools

Large assortment of resources available for schools work  
[www.barnabasinschools.org.uk](http://www.barnabasinschools.org.uk)

### RE:Online

Free to use resources and subject knowledge for RE lessons  
[www.reonline.org.uk](http://www.reonline.org.uk)

### Schools Work UK

Resources inspiration and training from Youthscape for use in schools  
[www.schoolswork.co.uk](http://www.schoolswork.co.uk)

### Think U Know

Offers online safety resources for young people. Also offers a brief online course for workers  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### Assembling Citizens

Subscription service offering secondary school assemblies around the subject of citizenship  
[www.stapleford-centre.org/resources/assembly-citizens](http://www.stapleford-centre.org/resources/assembly-citizens)

### Out of the Ark

Musical resources for use with children of primary school age  
[www.outoftheark.co.uk](http://www.outoftheark.co.uk)

### Department for Education

Policies and information for children, young people and families  
[www.education.gov.uk](http://www.education.gov.uk)

### Children's and Youth Work Magazine

Articles, ideas and guidance. Includes specific monthly feature on work in schools. Published by Youthscape  
[www.youthandchildrens.work](http://www.youthandchildrens.work)



## Residential centres

### The Emmaus Centre – Wydale Hall

Cheap self-catering! Offers exclusive use of the centre.

<https://www.wydale.org/why-emmaus>

### Oakes Holiday centre

Christian activity centre where young people aged 8-18 can enjoy an action packed holiday and be presented with the Christian message in a relevant way

<https://www.oakes.org.uk>

### Carlton Lodge Thirsk

Residential activity centre offering bespoke packages. Possible to have self-contained use of one wing or exclusive use of the centre.

<https://www.carltonlodge.org.uk>

### Marrick Priory

Outdoor activity centre, near Richmond. Good for larger groups.

Affiliated to the Diocese of Leeds

<https://marrickpriory.co.uk>

### The Peak Centre

Outdoor activity centre. Can accommodate larger and smaller groups. Possible to have self-contained use of one wing or exclusive use of the centre.

Affiliated to the Diocese of Derby

<https://www.peakcentre.org.uk>

### Scargill House, Kettlewell

Christian community in the Yorkshire dales, who offer retreats and residential. Not possible to have self-contained areas for smaller groups.





## Training

### Aurora

A part time training course for youth, children and family workers & volunteers. The Aurora Training Courses in Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry are designed for volunteers, interns or newly appointed paid workers with no formal qualification in children's or youth work.

<https://www.yorkshirenemetho.org/dist.org/district-youth/aurora/>

### Youthscape

Offers a variety of training materials including the Essentials course – which is free! The downside is you have to go to Luton or Preston!

<https://www.youthscape.co.uk>

### Unique

Offers the opportunity to build positive relationships with young people. Covers Identity, dreams and ambitions, friendship, positive relationships, drugs, alcohol and personal safety, self esteem and confidence, image, role models and emotional well-being.

[jody.wigfull@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jody.wigfull@yahoo.co.uk)

### Cliff College

Christian theological college Offers a variety of training opportunities from short courses through to degree and post graduate study

<https://cliffcollege.ac.uk>

### Pontes Mental Health Training

Mental health training company run by a mental health nurse and NHS chaplain

<https://www.pontestraining.co.uk>

### Think U Know

Offers online safety resources for young people. Also offers a brief online course for workers [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### Institute for Children, Youth and mission

Offers CPD courses, undergraduate and postgraduate. Affiliated with Newman University Birmingham.

<https://cym.ac.uk>

### Children's Ministry Network

Network group of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

[www.cgmcontheweb.com](http://www.cgmcontheweb.com)



## Mental Health

### Think Twice

Mental health charity that aims to increase awareness and understanding of mental health issues in the church  
<https://thinktwiceinfo.org>

### The Mix

Offers free confidential support on a range of subjects to the under 25's  
<https://www.themix.org.uk>

### Teen Connect

Help for 13-18's in the Leeds postcode area.  
<https://www.themarketplaceleeds.org.uk>

### Girl Got Faith

A guide for teenage girls, includes information about faith, self esteem and loads more  
<https://girlgotfaith.com/about/>

### Bullying UK

Help and support for children, young people and their families  
<https://www.bullying.co.uk>

### Self-harm.co.uk

A project dedicated to supporting young people impacted by self-harm. Home of Alumina a free online 6 week support course for 14-18 year olds  
<https://www.selfharm.co.uk>

### Young Minds

Information, advice and support for young people affected by mental health  
<https://youngminds.org.uk>

### Safe Space Crisis Pad

Help and support for the over 18's in Humberside  
<http://www.humbercare.org.uk/Adults-Mental-Health-Service.php>

### Youth Access

The national membership organisation for young people's information, advice and counselling services  
<https://www.youthaccess.org.uk>

### Kidscape

Offers advice, training and practical tools to prevent bullying  
<https://www.kidscape.org.uk>

### Anxiety UK

Nationally registered charity for those with anxiety disorder. Not specifically for young people.  
<https://www.selfharm.co.uk>

### Action for Happiness

Tips, resources and calendars with daily activities  
Actionforhappiness.org.uk  
<https://www.actionforhappiness.org>

### ChildLine

Loads of incredibly useful advice for children and young people  
<https://www.childline.org.uk>

### Hope Again

Youth site of Cruse bereavement care. Offers advice from young people for young people suffering bereavement.  
<https://www.hopeagain.org.uk>

### Blurt it out

Information, support and resources for those struggling with depression. Includes children and young people's resources as well as adult resources.  
<https://www.blurtitout.org>



### Mental Health continued

#### Anorexia and Bulimia Care

Offers ongoing care, practical support and guidance for anyone struggling with eating disorders

<https://www.anorexiabulimiicare.org.uk>

#### Mind

Mental health information hub  
<https://www.mind.org.uk>

#### Papyrus

For children and young people under the age of 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide

<https://papyrus-uk.org>

#### Beat Eating Disorders

Eating disorder charity. Offers a helpline as well as resources

<https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk>

#### Mind and Soul Foundation

Christian mental health resources

<https://www.mindandsoulfoundation.org>

#### MeTwo App

Safe online space for young people to get help and advice

<https://www.meetwo.co.uk>

#### Calm Harm App

Offers activities to help resist or manage the urge to self-harm

<https://calmharm.co.uk>

### Additional needs

#### Additional Needs Alliance

Resourcing the church to make inclusion and belonging a reality

<https://additionalneedsalliance.org.uk>

#### Included by Grace

Support for churches to include people with autism and learning disabilities

<https://includedbygrace.wordpress.com>

#### All Belong

Resources for use with special needs groups

<http://www.allbelong.co.uk>

#### The Additional Needs Blogfather

Blog by Mark Arnold, the Additional Needs Ministry Director for Urban Saints

<https://theadditionalneedsblogfather.com>

#### Aslan

Free resources and information for running Sunday Schools for those with special needs

<http://aslan.tonbridgebaptist.church>

### Safeguarding

#### Methodist Guidance from the Connexion

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/safeguarding/>

#### Netaware

Joint initiative from the NSPCC and O2. Offers a guide to social networks, apps and games for

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parents or older children's and youth workers!

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

### CEOP

Law enforcement agency. The place to make a report if you are concerned a child or young person is being abused.

Alternatively, the child or young person can use the site to make a report themselves.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/>

### Other useful sites

#### Cartoon Church

Cartoons, colouring and worksheets from Dave Walker. Requires a subscription, but offering a pay as you can option during lockdown.

<https://cartoonchurch.com>

#### Baptist Missionary Society

Works with marginalised people around the world. Offers resources that can be useful with groups and families

[www.bmsworldmission.org](http://www.bmsworldmission.org)

#### Joint Public Issues Team

Ecumenical organisation that encourages churches to focus on being agents of change in the world. Has a young activists network with resources for children and young people

[www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/events/yan/](http://www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/events/yan/)

#### Christian Coach and Mentor Network

This website describes itself as a digital hub for Christian coaches and mentors. Includes useful articles and blogs

<https://christiancoachandmentornetwork.org.uk>

#### Eco Church

Resources and support to help you work toward an eco church award

[www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

#### Jennyruth Workshops

Social enterprise that trains adults with learning disabilities in a variety of skills. Sell a variety of good quality products and will make to order. If you can describe it they can make it!

[www.jennyruth.co.uk](http://www.jennyruth.co.uk)



### **Growing Lives**

Offers grants to equip and empower churches and Christian charities to engage with children, families and young people

[www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/growing-lives/](http://www.allchurches.co.uk/what-we-fund/growing-lives/)

### **Netaware**

Joint initiative from the NSPCC and O2. Offers a guide to social networks, apps and games for parents or older children's and youth workers!

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

### **Lumino**

Research from the Bible Society

<https://lumino.bible>

### **Through the Roof**

Christian charity that supports churches and other organisations to make their work accessible to all

[www.throughtheroof.org](http://www.throughtheroof.org)

### **Grove Books**

A wide range of short books that cover almost every aspect of the life of the church including spirituality, youth work, children's work, mission, evangelism etc.

[www.grovebooks.co.uk](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk)

### **Jesus Club**

A network of ministries that cater for people with intellectual disabilities. Based in Australia. Have to join and they ask for a voluntary contribution.

[www.jesusclub.org.au](http://www.jesusclub.org.au)

### **Baker Ross**

Sells pretty much every craft supply you can think of! Includes lots of ideas as well

<https://www.bakerross.co.uk>



**Christian Aid**

Offers a variety of information and resources for church and youth work

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

**Lay employment support from the Methodist church**

<https://www.yorkshirenethodist.org/resources/lay-employment-support/>

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/employees-and-volunteers/lay-employment-advisory-information/>

**Faith Workers**

Lay employment support, faith branch of the unite union.

Membership is required

<https://unitetheunion.org/what-we-do/unite-in-your-sector/community-youth-workers-and-not-for-profit/faith-organisations/>