The Diocese of Leeds has a vision to see children, young people and their families growing confident in faith and fully involved in the mission and ministry of the church as it seeks to transform lives and communities.
As a team, we support parishes as they seek to develop and extend their mission and ministry with children, young people and their families. Each of us acts as a first point of contact for parishes and groups in an episcopal area, so if you would like advice, support or are just wondering where to start, please get in touch.

All team members have a specialism, which will be used across the diocese, however we all also have a wealth of experience in children, young people and family ministries to share.

There are regular updates on our website, providing information on new resources, training events, ideas and suggestions to inspire and inform leaders.

www.leeds.anglican.org/children-youth

We also host a Facebook group for anyone involved in children, young people and family ministry where people share details of events, resources, activities and training and also ask questions, debate ideas and learn together.

www.facebook.com/groups/LeedsCandY
We work in a variety of ways; including facilitating discussion, providing training, practical support and information, updates on resources and up-to-date details of research and thinking in the areas of mission, ministry and children and young people’s spirituality.

To make best use of time and resources, we try to make training and resourcing sessions available to as wide a group as possible; please get in touch to talk about things which would help YOU!

Examples of training and support we can provide:

- Starting up Children/Youth work - thinking about strategy
- Basic Good Practice for children and youth work
- Mission opportunities for:
  - Baptism
  - Toddler groups
  - All age worship
  - Messy Church
- Ignite - supporting work with older children and teenagers
- Admission to Communion
- Confirmation - nurture and discipleship for young people
- Spiritual development for children and young people
- Ways of listening and enabling children and young people to participate in church life
- Developing young leaders
- Godly Play
- Open the Book
- Support for those considering employing a children/young people/
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