

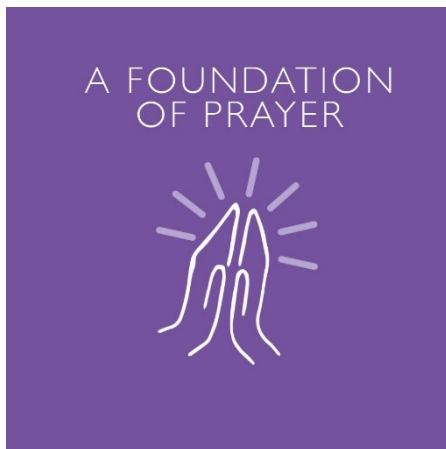
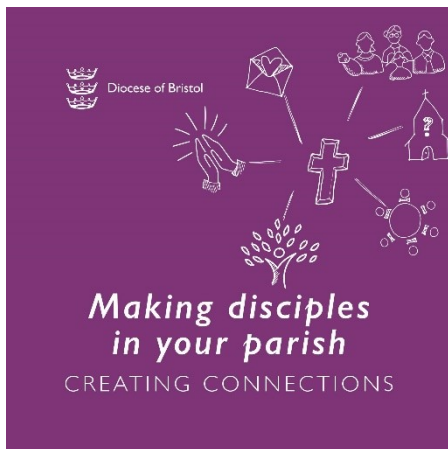
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## Resources

- Thy Kingdom Come | [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)
- Daily Prayer | [www.churchofengland.org/ prayer-and-worship](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship)
- 24-7 Prayer | [www.247prayer.com](http://www.247prayer.com)
- Prayer Spaces in Schools | [www.prayerspacesinschools.com](http://www.prayerspacesinschools.com)
- Try Praying | [www.trypraying.co.uk](http://www.trypraying.co.uk)

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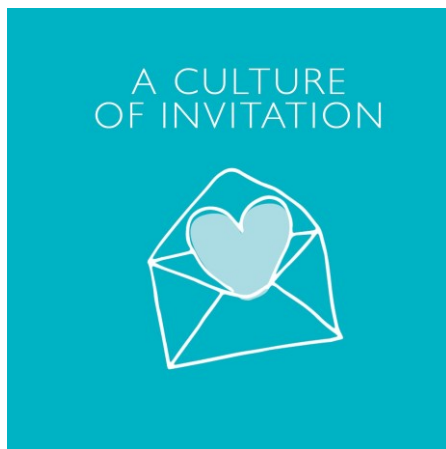
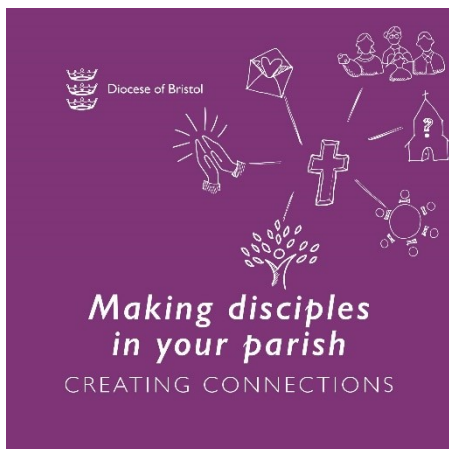
- *Challenging people to set reminders to pray regularly throughout the day can help to unite a congregation in prayer.*
- *Distributing a 'cycle of prayer' or liturgical prayer resource can support people to pray through set themes.*
- *Prayer Labyrinth's can engage a congregation and wider community in creative prayer.*
- *Inviting people to request prayer via text message, social media, door knocking and church prayer collection boxes can help the church to engage with its wider community.*
- *WhatsApp prayer chain groups or the PrayerMate App can utilise technology to support people or groups in prayer.*
- *Prayer triplets, where people commit to supporting one another in prayer can also serve as small pastoral support groups.*



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- The leading of intercessions is not just offering prayers, but encouraging others in their own personal prayer. A **Creative Prayer Ideas** resource is available to inspire all age creative prayer in a variety of contexts  
[www.bristol.anglican.org/creativeprayer](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/creativeprayer).
- **Praying and commissioning people** for specific roles is an effective way of supporting volunteers and valuing their contribution to the life of your church. If you are interested in commissioning children's/youth volunteers or young leaders on Education Sunday contact Dan Jones for a liturgy.
- **Prayer Guardians** are members of the congregation who commit to praying for a child or young person. Setting this network up requires collaboration with the Parish Safeguarding Officer to establish a safe and supportive prayer network. Names are then given confidentially to the Prayer Guardian to pray for the child. For more information contact Dan Jones.



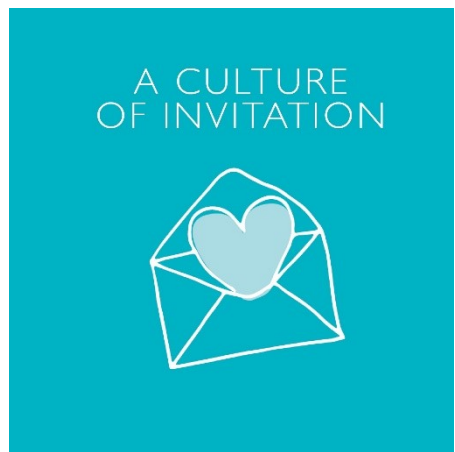
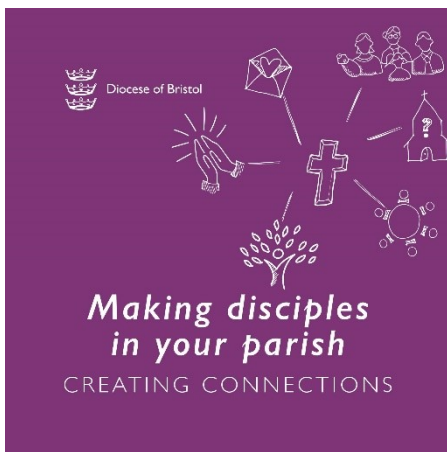
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- Season of Invitation | [www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk](http://www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk)
- Creating a culture of invitation in your church Book | [www.unlockingthegrowth.com](http://www.unlockingthegrowth.com)

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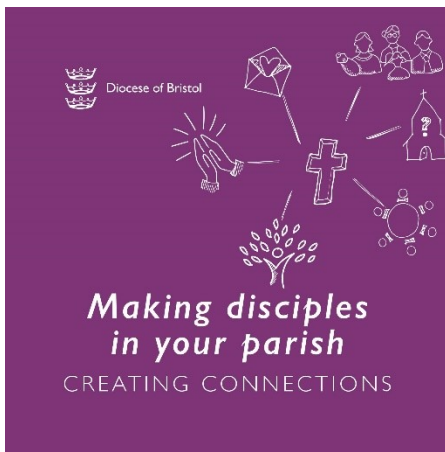
- *Using the Diocesan Safe and Welcome Awards scheme can assist you to review your churches hospitality and welcome.*
- *Hosting special invitational events which people can invite people to can provide a helpful new connection point for people.*
- *Producing invitations which congregation members can use to invite people to special services and events equips and enables people to invite those they know.*
- *Distributing invitations, Christmas cards, HOPE magazines and other invitational advertisements to local homes can be a useful point of engagement with the local community.*
- *When people attend a special event or service, make sure they don't leave without an invitation to a future event.*
- *Use the 'Invitational Cross' activity or invitation training materials to equip your congregation for the adventure of inviting ([www.unlockingthegrowth.com](http://www.unlockingthegrowth.com)).*



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- **Outreach events** Pancake, Light, Pentecost and Christmas parties provide a great opportunity to invite people to celebrate and encounter the Good News in relevant and creative ways.
- **Make an invite** During an all-age service have a craft activity to design and make an invitation to the next service. Encourage everyone to then give out the invitations during the week.
- **Holiday clubs** including one-day versions enable the church to invite children to find out more about faith. See the guide '*How to...set up and run a holiday club*' for more information.
- **Crafternoons** Invite families to a 'Crafternoon' where they can be creative based around different Bible stories. Tell the stories using the crafts, and then talk about what the stories mean.
- **Welcome** Having invited families to connect with the church, how might you make sure that experience is positive and nurturing. See the guide '*How to... welcome families to church*'.



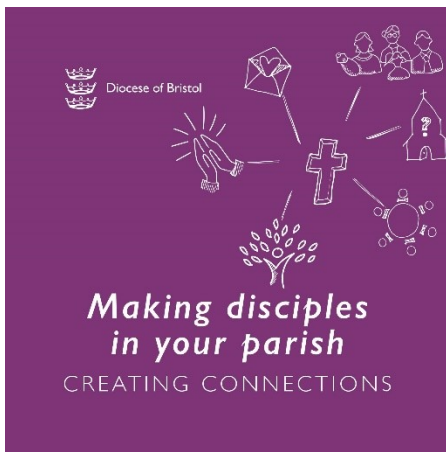
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## Resources

- Messy Church | [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk)
- SU Explore Together | [www.exploretogether.org](http://www.exploretogether.org)
- The All In Thing | [www.yfcresources.org.uk/all-thing](http://www.yfcresources.org.uk/all-thing)

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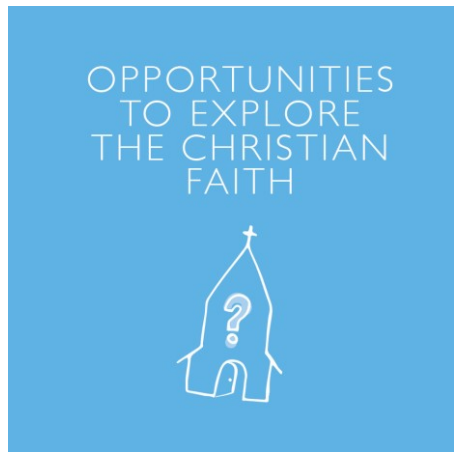
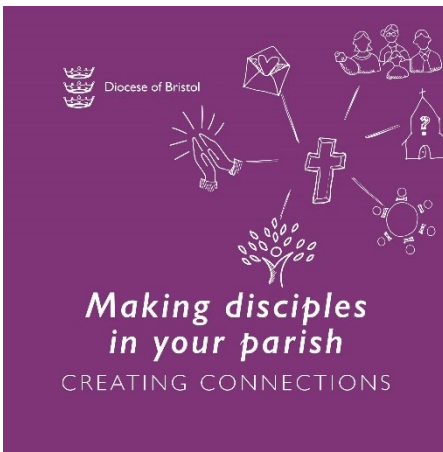
- *Well organised Messy Churches are growing in many parishes, especially when held on Sunday afternoons.*
- *Breakfast Church can be great way to engage with families before they take their children to Sunday morning sports activities: [www.bristol.anglican.org/breakfast-church](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/breakfast-church)*
- *Hosting Saturday morning gatherings aimed at fathers with their children can provide opportunities for fun, engaging all age worship. Don't forget to serve bacon rolls and hot coffee!*
- *Festival services and occasional offices can provide a natural opportunity to get creative and involve people of all ages in the service. Doing something different will help the service to be interesting and memorable to visiting families.*



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- **Messy Church** [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk)
- If you don't have the resources to run something like Messy Church check out an alternative idea - 'FFEOF made simple' [www.bristol.anglican.org/simplecffeec](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/simplecffeec).
- **Explore Christingle** Using the popular Christingle service, plan time before the service with craft activities to explore Christianity through the various components. Use the opportunity to invite people to planned family friendly events and services too [www.childrensociety.org.uk](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk).
- **Family Activities** If your church isn't able to host a family-centred service, 'family activities' focus on spending quality time together. You could host a Family Games Night, sing-along or movie night at church. By offering ways for families to come together around fellowship and community, you can begin to introduce opportunities for faith formation that the whole family can engage in together.



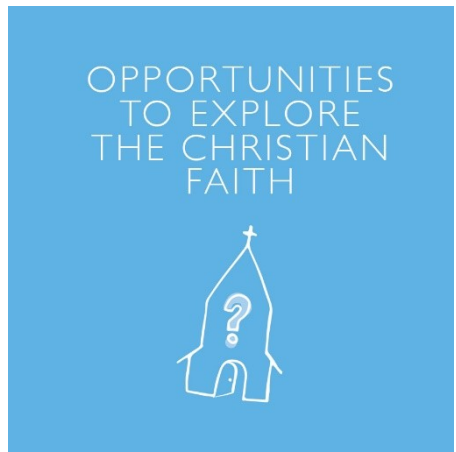
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## Resources

- Alpha | [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)
- Christianity Explored | [www.christianityexplored.org](http://www.christianityexplored.org)
- Pilgrim | [www.pilgrimcourse.org](http://www.pilgrimcourse.org)
- Five Steps to Faith | [www.bibleinbrief.org](http://www.bibleinbrief.org)
- Faith Pictures | [www.churcharmy.org](http://www.churcharmy.org)
- Discovery Series from Our Daily Bread Ministries | <https://discoveryseries.org/>
- TalkingJesus | [www.talkingjesus.org](http://www.talkingjesus.org)

## Ideas

- *Continuously running a faith exploration course as part of your church calendar gives you a constant opportunity to invite people to explore the Christian faith with you.*
- *Exploring faith with someone one to one, perhaps over a weekly coffee, can be hugely rewarding experience.*
- *Challenging people to invite non-Christian friends to their home for coffee and cake and then to share their story of faith with them can be a great opportunity to build people's faith-sharing confidence.*
- *People are more open to speaking with us about faith than we often think. The TalkingJesus research and training videos can encourage and equip congregations to talk about Jesus.*

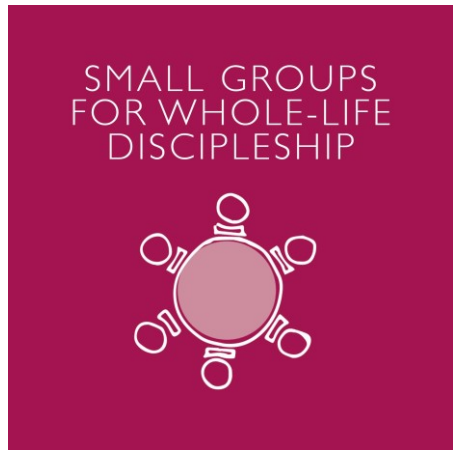
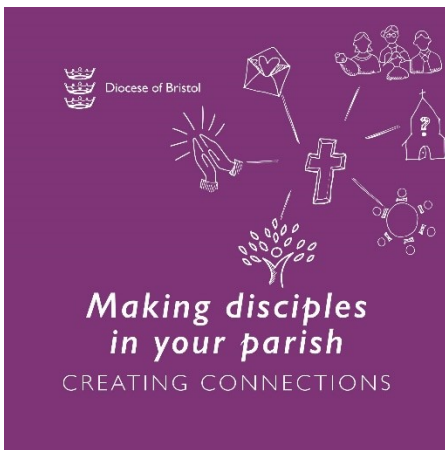


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- **Youth Alpha** This 'recently updated interactive series of group studies introduces and explores the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha says; *'the Gospel deserves the highest quality and we want your group to be proud to invite their friends to Alpha'* [www.alpha.org/youthalpha](http://www.alpha.org/youthalpha).
- **Food for thought** It is surprising how many people's understanding of Christianity is based on hearsay. 'Food for thought' events are a family meal with a short presentation using a resource like SU's book, "So, who is God?"
- **Table Talk** Use the age appropriate Table Talk resources from the Ugly Duck Company to create an event where questions can be discussed over food and then conversations brought together by a facilitator or guest speaker. [www.table-talk.org](http://www.table-talk.org).





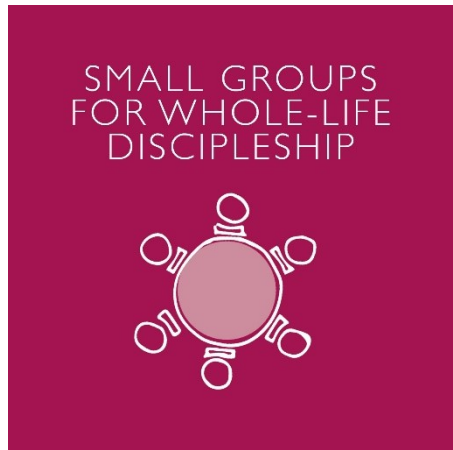
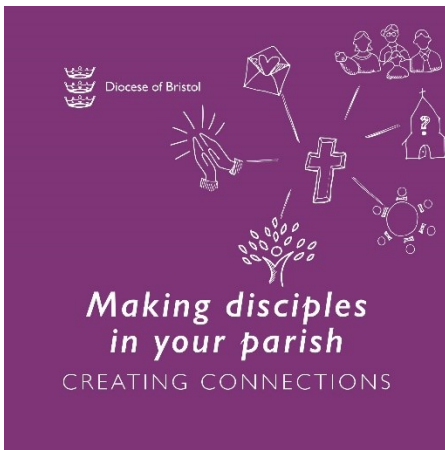
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## Resources

- DiscipleKit | [www.disciplekit.org](http://www.disciplekit.org)
- Small Group Central | [www.smallgroupcentral.org.uk/](http://www.smallgroupcentral.org.uk/)
- LICC Fruitfulness on the Frontline | [www.licc.org.uk](http://www.licc.org.uk)
- Bible Society: Lyfe | [www.biblesociety.org.uk/lyfe](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/lyfe)

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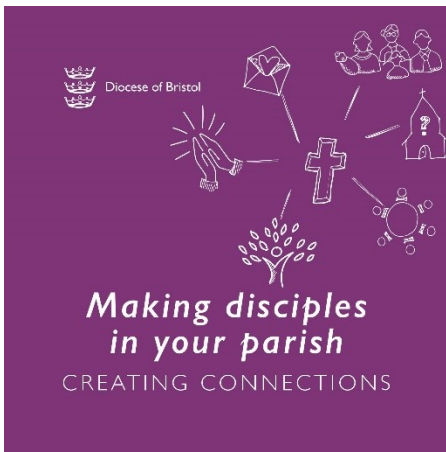
- *Focus on the missional rather than the fellowship nature of small groups. Structure them to be outward looking, service focused, invitational, growing and welcoming.*
- *Empower people to always be considering who they could invite to attend their small group and consider holding special small group invitational events as access points to small groups.*
- *Explore the Small Missional Community model for small groups.*
- *Providing training to your small group leaders can really help them in this vital leadership ministry.*
- *Consider how you might create small group spaces for those for whom a weekly evening meeting is prohibitive.*



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- **Family Friendly, all age, small groups** This small group can be a source of support, help, encouragement and learning for all ages, together.
- **Explore Together** Create a family-centred group that explores faith and discipleship together using resources written for families e.g. Family Time All Together or the BRF Family Bible.
- **TED-talks** These popular short, powerful talks (10 minutes or less) explore different topics with presenters from across the globe. The quick-delivery style is a fantastic way to provoke a conversation. Offer a series of TED-Talk-themed nights to inspire stimulating small group discussion.



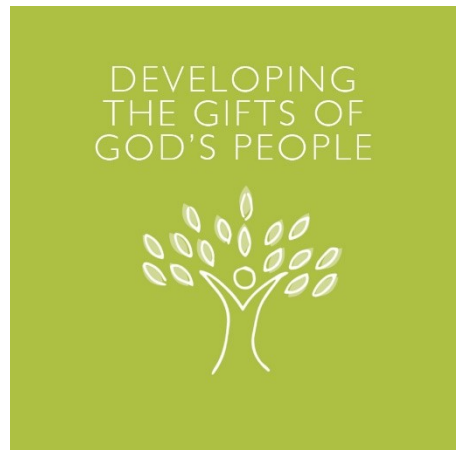
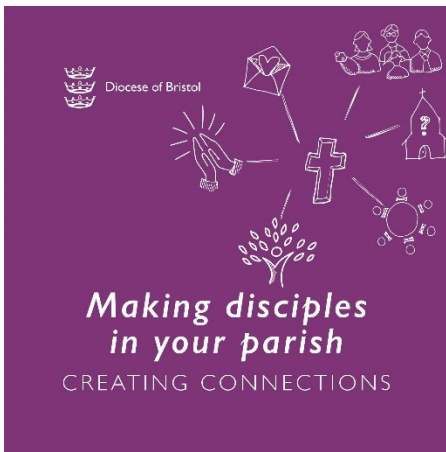
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## Resources

- Diocese of Bristol 'How to...' guide | [www.bristol.anglican.org/MDIYP/gifts/](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/MDIYP/gifts/)
- Diocese of Bristol 'Your SHAPE for God's service' | [www.bristol.anglican.org/SHAPE](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/SHAPE)
- We Are Making Disciples | [www.wearemakingdisciples.com](http://www.wearemakingdisciples.com)
- CPAS Growing Leaders | [www.cpas.org.uk](http://www.cpas.org.uk)

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- *Using a small group or congregation resource to help people to consider what their gifts may be, can be a hugely encouraging experience for people.*
- *Asking people to prayerfully consider how they might use their gifts and skills in God's service both within the church and the wider world can release new energy in peoples life of service.*
- *Produce a list of all the ways people can serve the church and each year invite people to consider what role God is calling them to this year.*



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- **Provide opportunities for children to serve.** Children need to develop a base of experience in ministry so they can begin to identify how they may be gifted. Involve them in the various aspects of church life where they can serve side by side with adults. Suggest that families serve together as teams.
- **Growing young leaders.** The Emerge course enables you to develop leadership potential and grow young leaders  
[www.bristol.anglican.org/emerge](http://www.bristol.anglican.org/emerge).
- Encourage the church to **pray for children and young people** and to build supportive, intergenerational relationships.
- Have regular **'serving' times**. "We're all going to spend the next five minutes working together to clear up this space. Go!" Don't do everything for people, make serving part of 'what we do' together.
- **Pray with them as well as for them.** Encourage the church to pray *with* children and young people. Helping children and young people discover how to pray, not just how to say prayers, is a vital part of helping them to develop in their faith.