It is always encouraging to hear stories of faithful work with children and young people. The Reaching New Generations strategy from 2012 has borne fruit and as bishops, we’re delighted to see a reinvigorated RNG team taking stock. The society and culture we live in is changing rapidly, especially for younger generations. It is appropriate to review what has worked or not, and refine our plans to support ministry to and by children and young people in our parishes, our schools, our fresh expressions and our chaplaincies.

Applying the diocesan direction of travel of inviting our children, young people and their families to ‘Come follow Christ’ in the footsteps of St Chad, the Reaching New Generations Team want to continue to support and encourage you as you build relational ministry with the next generation meeting them where they are then walking alongside them as they are introduced to the unchanging love of God. We wholeheartedly commend this report to everyone in the diocese and look forward to hearing how children and young people are being encouraged in their faith.

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What’s been happening?

There are many examples of how churches are connecting with children, young people and families in their communities across Lichfield Diocese (such as Messy Church and other Fresh Expressions, Toddler Church, Baptism Matters, Youth gatherings)

Over the past 5 years the climate in our schools has changed dramatically with the introduction of academies and increased opportunities offered with Multi Academy Trusts (MATs). Across the Diocese the role of chaplaincy (lay and ordained) is increasing as churches see this as an important role in their mission.

Churches are increasingly aware of the importance of supporting our young people, particularly with the issues and opportunities relating to faith and identity. There are some parishes who are blessed to have an employed children, youth or family worker who is enabling the church to access opportunities outside of the church. There are also churches in Lichfield Diocese who are examples of excellent practice illustrating what can be achieved with a group of faithful volunteers. God continues to use the faithfulness of the churches in Lichfield.

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Safeguarding team offers training and support to churches across the diocese. For more information see lichfield.anglican.org/safeguarding.

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REACH aims – with the RNG team and the tools, tips and ideas available – to provide parishes with a resource to enable them to respond to the challenges and support you as you plan and implement your work.

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What are we going to do?

Further ways in which the RNG Team can support your ministry include:

- Training
- Developing Strategy
- Employing a worker
- Pastoral Care and Supervision (Key volunteers and employed workers)
- Fundraising

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Discipleship

Jesus invites us to follow him. The first people who received this invitation became known as Jesus’ disciple and all those who have responded to that invitation ever since have done the same. Being a disciple is a choice to continually walk with Jesus and learn from him, taking his teaching seriously and following his example.

Vocation

Every person and each Christian community is called to share in the work of God’s kingdom. Individually and together, we are given gifts and opportunities to serve God and grow the kingdom. Vocation is knowing who God calls us to be and living the life God invites us to.

Evangelism

The Good News of God’s love which we have known in Jesus is for all people. Through our words, actions and lives we can share with others Christ’s invitation to follow him and to be part of the growing kingdom of God.

11-18s and Vocations

Youth Fresh Expressions
- Young people & FX
- Vocations and FX
- Youth FX across Lichfield Diocese

Making contacts
- Developing links
- Creating teams

• People & vocations
• Exploring and creating opportunities
• Vocations to ministry and workplace

Weekend Youth
- Youth Fresh Expressions
- Vocations and FX
- Youth FX across Lichfield Diocese

Sunday-People
- Engaging with young people
- Churches with no young people
- Curriculum
- Creating teams

Development of partnerships
- Why work in partnership?
- Who could we partner with?
- Enjoying linking versus Kingdom thinking

Vocations Partnership

Sharing thoughts and ideas on these questions at lichfield.anglican.org/next_steps

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下列是图像中包含的关键信息。图像显示了一个图表，包含了“Discipleship”和“Vocation”两个部分，每个部分都有详细的图表和文字描述。图表展示了不同年龄段的活动和策略，旨在促进信徒的成长和发展。图表中提到的关键词包括：“Jesus invites us to follow him”、“Every person and each Christian community is called”、“The Good News of God’s love which we have known in Jesus is for all people”等。这些信息旨在鼓励信徒积极参与，分享基督的爱和福音，促进教会的使命和生活。