



# Volunteer Hubs

**Launching in the coming weeks for every volunteering children's and youth worker.**

***Bishop Ruth says;***

*"Those who volunteer as leaders in children and youth ministry across our diocese are heroes of the faith! It is vital that they receive support, guidance, resource and inspiration from others who share that calling, so I commend these Hubs to you"*

***Bishop Will says;***

*"The vast majority of Christians come to faith whilst they are young, so thank you for discerning this vital call to proclaim the Good news of the Gospel to our young people. It is a vital message for them to hear in a world that is so short on answers and full of questions. I know that this ministry it is often hard work so I hope and pray that these voluntary hubs will be a source of mutual support and encouragement."*

We would like to introduce you to our new and reformatted Volunteer Hubs. We recognise that so many churches across the diocese of Chichester are praying and actively seeking a way to reach the young people in their parishes. We are here to help! If you already have a keen team of volunteers or if you are trying to recruit some then our Hubs are a place for you.

Our vision is to facilitate a local Hub run by our employed, experienced children and youth workers for anyone to attend who is reaching the young people of their parish. The Hubs will be a place for training, questions, networking with other local churches to gain wisdom, ideas and create unity as we reach the masses and of course praying for one another in the work that we do.

Historically we have had something similar but with the pandemic and the emerging from that time we have had the chance to review and restructure how we work these vital Hubs. Chichester is a large diocese.

Nationally we are in the top few dioceses who have a large number of churches with paid children and youth workers and also with a large number of groups attended. This is hugely encouraging in the national picture, and we are grateful for what we have already. However, we can still do more. We recognised in our review that there are a lot of parishes who are doing great work with very little support from the diocese, due to the fact all of their 0-18's work is delivered by volunteers. You already have a great army of people and we as a diocese and as the children and youth team want to support you to thrive in all you do and all you dream to do in the future.

Across the diocese we have created Volunteer Hubs which will meet 3 times a year (at least) to bring together all volunteers to meet each other. We have listed below the Hub leaders and where they are based. You have the choice to get in touch with whichever one is most convenient for you or your team, they are not always in your own deanery so don't hesitate to contact the Hub leaders who are practically the closest or easiest to get to.

For more information, please contact us on [youth@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:youth@chichester.anglican.org)

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