

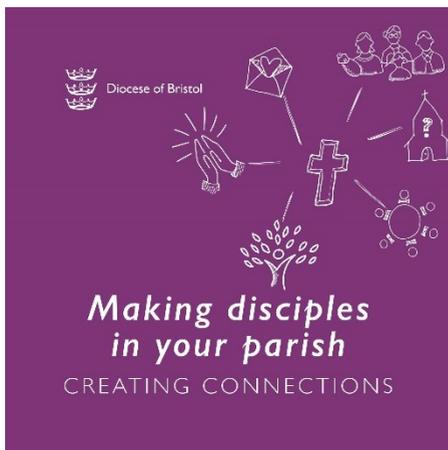
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Resources

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

Ideas

- *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.*



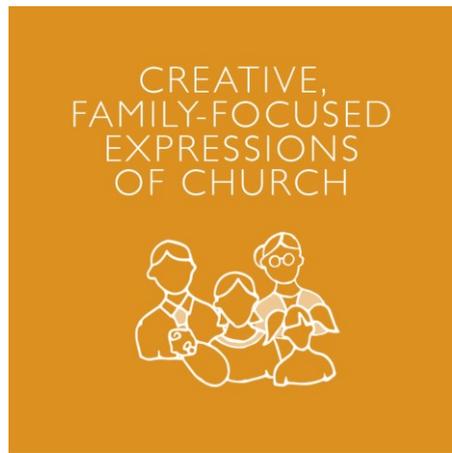
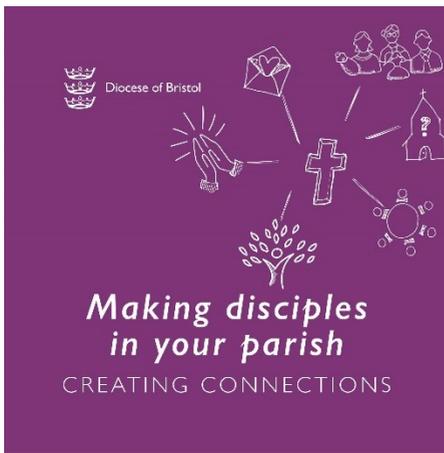
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Resources

- Season of Invitation | www.seasonofinvitation.co.uk
- Creating a culture of invitation in your church Book | www.unlockingthegrowth.com

Ideas

- *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).*



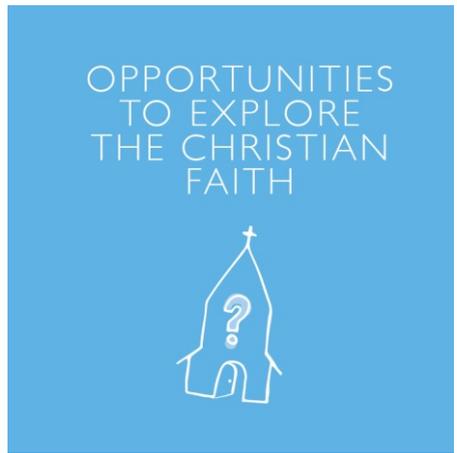
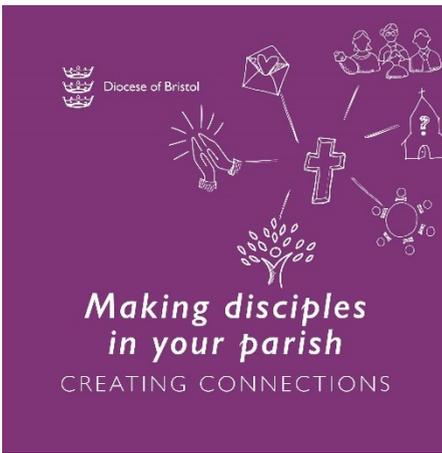
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Resources

- Messy Church | www.messychurch.org.uk
- SU Explore Together | www.exploretogether.org
- The All In Thing | www.yfcresources.org.uk/all-thing

Ideas

- *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*
- *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.*



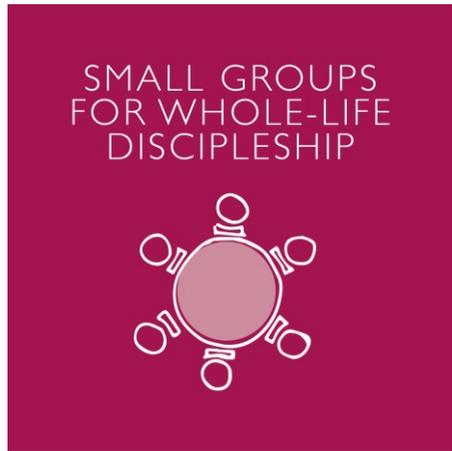
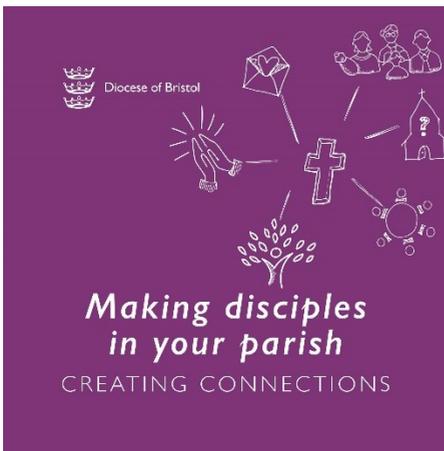
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- Alpha | www.alpha.org
- Christianity Explored | www.christianityexplored.org
- Pilgrim | www.pilgrimcourse.org
- Five Steps to Faith | www.bibleinbrief.org
- Faith Pictures | www.churcharmy.org
- Discovery Series from Our Daily Bread Ministries |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



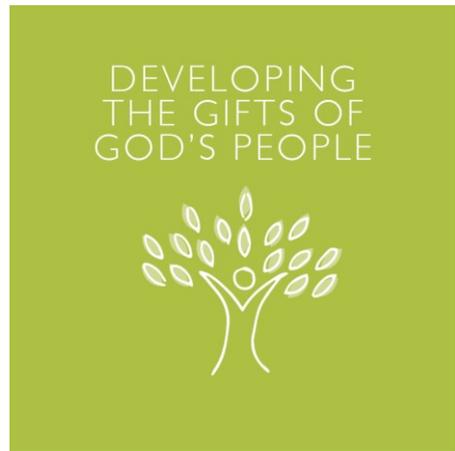
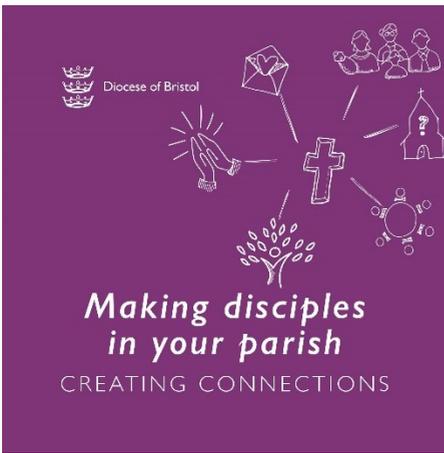
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Resources

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

Ideas

- *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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Resources

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

Ideas

- *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.*