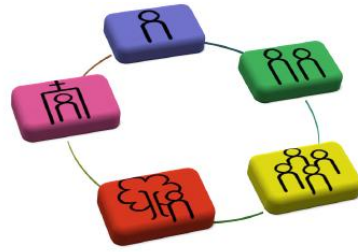


From the Children and Youth Team



Fully alive in GOD

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We hope you are already aware of *Fully alive in God*, the Diocese's Commitment to Children and Young People. Your Churchwardens will already know that the Archbishop has asked the Archdeacons to ensure that '*following the policy becomes a day by day reality in the diocese*'.

Some parishes have already adopted the Commitment and others have discussed it. With this letter we are sending you two documents that we hope will help your PCC and parish think through exactly what difference it might make in your church '*day to day*'.

We hope you will have seen the *Fully alive in God* logo (above) before. The logo and the leaflet are intended to make it easier for people to see what the Commitment is about. There are five different areas to the Commitment and the leaflet contains a brief description of each one along with some examples of what they might mean in practice. These are five key areas where we believe the Church has something vitally important to say, and to offer, to children and young people today. They are also *all* important if we are going to give children and young people in our churches and communities every opportunity to become *Fully alive in God*.

We have also produced a leaflet to help you, your PCC and congregations to think through some of the more practical implications of adopting this Commitment in your parish(es). It contains questions which relate to each section of the Commitment. We hope you will accept that this discussion is not just for your parish's children's or youth leaders as children and young people are the responsibility of us all – even if you don't see any in your church.

Finally, we really do hope you will not see this as some sort of 'Diocesan Ofsted' process! As a team our aim is to support you to help children and young people to engage with Christ, develop their faith and be members of our churches. *Fully Alive in God* is a resource to help you recognise, value and celebrate what may already be happening, but also to think about what different things you might try as well as what you might be challenged to change.

Please include the children and young people you know in your discussions and help them to take part in any decisions you make. If there are none at all in your church, we hope you will take the opportunity to consider what you might be offering those in your neighbourhood.

If we can help you in this process in any way, please do get in touch. We want to support and encourage you in any way we can. More copies of these leaflets are available from us, or they can also be downloaded from the diocesan website

http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/commitment_youth.shtml .

Jon, Nigel and Cathy

Nigel Chapman (York Archdeaconry) - Tel: 01347 868287; email: nigel.chapman@yorkdiocese.org

Jon Steel (East Riding Archdeaconry) - Tel: 01482 838805; email: ercyas@ydbf.karoo.co.uk