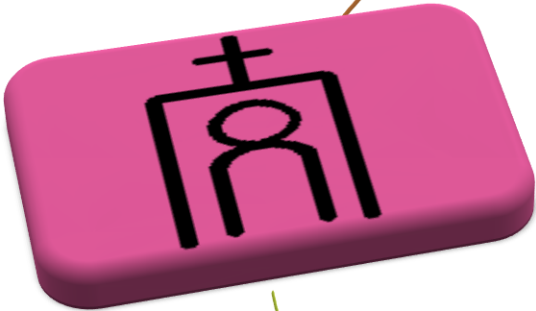
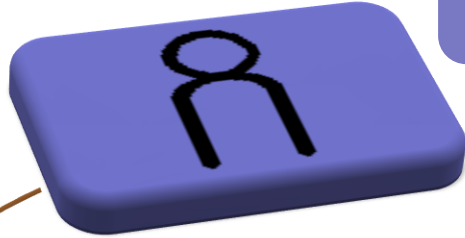


We commit to giving children and young people the chance to be fully alive in God in the following ways:

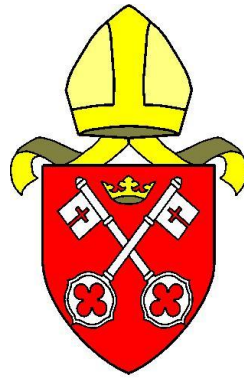
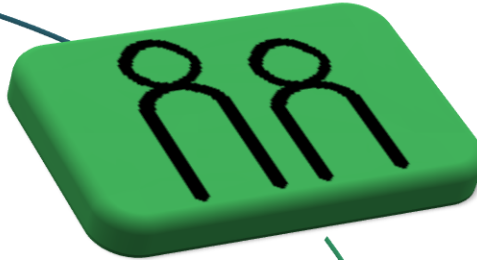
Valued by and valuing Church
For example: participating fully in the life of the Church; being recognised in decision-making; taking responsibility for their part within it.



Experiencing God
For example: hearing and learning from the stories of God; knowing God's love through our Lord Jesus Christ; experiencing God through relationships with others; recognising that faith affects all aspects of life; developing gifts for mission and ministry.



Developing a Relationship with God
For example: enjoying prayer and worship that is accessible and appropriate; creating their own worship; leading and teaching others.



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Caring for God's Creation
For example: sharing what we have with others; acknowledging the Christian responsibility to the poor, the weak, the needy and future generations; actively caring for the environment.



Helping to further God's Kingdom
For example: evangelism by children and young people, telling their own stories of God; working for a better society; caring for others, both near and far; working for justice and peace.

The Diocese of York believes:

1. *All human beings are loved by God and are of unique worth to God whatever their gender, ethnicity, ability or age.*
2. *Children and young people have a special place in the Kingdom of God.*
3. *The Church values and appreciates children and young people in the same way as all other members of the Church family.*
4. *The Church should provide children and young people with a safe and welcoming environment and actively involve them in its life.*
5. *Appropriate support, training and encouragement should be provided for all who work among children and young people.*

Diocesan Synod, Nov 2007.

“This diocesan commitment is OUR commitment. It means we will take children and young people seriously, recognising that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in God’s image and likeness, and graciously invited to be adopted as children of God in Christ. We are all called to full humanity in Christ, let us help one another to grow into Christlikeness. Let us ensure that we make welcome, and that we listen to, everyone we meet in the name of Christ, whatever their age.”

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What should you do now?



Adopt this commitment in your PCC

Publish this leaflet in your church.

Discuss what difference this document makes to your church’s priorities, planning and resourcing.

What place should children and young people have in their church? Ask them what they think.

If you would like more information or ideas, or to discuss particular issues, please contact the children and youth team:

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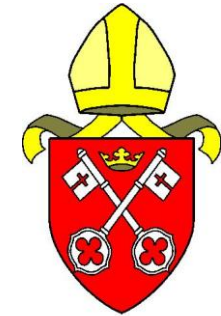
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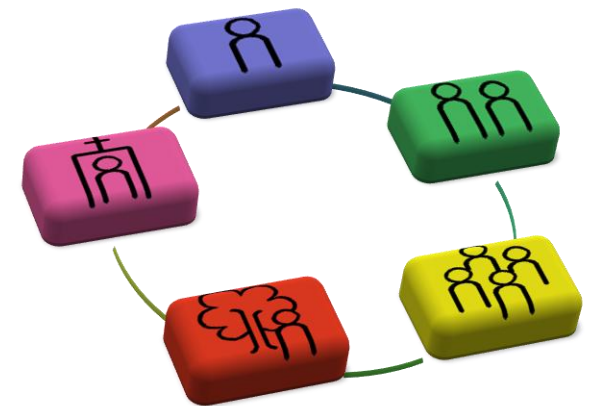
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