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# St Albans Diocesan youth service

Connecting to Young People Online ([social apps and more](#))



Instagram

A great base to share pictures and stories. Invite comments, advertise events and share verses. A good way to keep a connection or reach out to young people as many are on it already.



Spotify

Share playlists. Ask young people to create themed playlists or just share their favourite songs. Share over social media, in group chats or email.



Netflix

The internet browser Chrome allows groups to watch Netflix together. Host a film night? Just make sure it doesn't exclude anyone who doesn't pay for this subscription.



Facebook

Connect to parents/carers and families, share encouragement and grow your connections. Set up a group and invite discussion and sharing of ideas.



YouTube

Broadcast live or record and upload content for young people to access any time. Share a devotional, some worship activities or a Bible study.



WhatsApp

Make a group chat to check-in and promote young people to look out for each other. It's a good way to connect safely as other leaders can be included in a conversation.

**zoom** Zoom (video conferencing)

Use a free account to host a short virtual youth group. Play games together and set challenges, read the Bible and pray.



You Version Bible App

Encourage young people to share their Bible studies and promote your favourite devotional content. It allows you to make colourful verse cards and connect to friends but cross-check with your safeguarding first.

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Kahoot

Used extensively by schools for learning through quizzes and other games. Ask a young person to tell you about it and how it can be used to bring together young people.



Canva

Free and simple way to create all kinds of designs for social media, websites, blogs and more. Really helpful to use with Instagram when promoting an event, posting an encouraging verse or producing promotional content.

## Blogging



Medium

If you simply want to upload text



WordPress

Quite easy to get going, with lots of features to build more extensive site.

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