

24 March 2020

## Newsletter: week 2 of a new way of church with young people

I hope you and your family are well this week. It's a difficult time for many, with new challenges and adjustments that need to be made each day.

### The challenge

Almost all regular youth activities have stopped over the last week. For young people, adjusting to life at home can be difficult and many are having to deal with the announcement of cancellation of exams. After putting in so much hard work this is tough to take. Families are under strain at home, some are in a vulnerable position and some unwell. The cancellation of summer festivals is also a blow to many young people and ministers, with lots of us planning our discipleship and ministry programmes around those transformative events. Now is an important time to point young people to Jesus and set new rhythms of support.

### The hope

Holy Spirit is moving over the land, already meeting many with hope, peace and love. Young people are open to the Lord in this time of upheaval, knowing their need for His presence in their lives. Through high-tech and low-tech methods, we can encourage young people in owning faith, growing their own relationship with Father God. There will be much to celebrate along with the pain in the coming weeks, so let's 'keep our hand to the plough' knowing we don't have to do everything, it's not all down to us but we are invited to join in with what the Lord is doing.

There have already been amazing innovations from churches as they adjust their ministries for this new season. Church communities are coming together and online services are reaching new audiences through TVs, phones and laptops. Loads of tips are being shared online as churches come together.

Join me for an online meeting, let's share together in the challenge and in the hope. I'll be hosting video conferences next Monday to share ideas and stand together, I hope you can make it.

Praying for you

Christian



### How to stay connected

- 1) Facebook – like our [Facebook page](#) and join the Facebook group. It's a great place to share your best links and resources.
- 2) Check out [our Pinterest board](#). I'll keep adding to it with new resources I come across.
- 3) Join a Get-Together youth meeting (overleaf)
- 4) Join the Youth Ministers Group. St Albans Diocese has a fledgling network for those in youth work positions in churches and schools, full-time or part-time. Let me know if you want to take part - email [ccole@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:ccole@stalbans.anglican.org)

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## Tips and Insights?

What's your top tip for connecting with young people? Tried an online youth group or been calling families? Has anything stood out so far? Drop me an email at [ccole@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:ccole@stalbans.anglican.org) and let me know.

## You Are Invited...

Get-Together Youth Call.

A short video conference for everyone interested in youth ministry and seeking news ways to do it. Join us ready to share tips, challenges and resources for an inaugural meeting of youth leaders, school workers, helpers and clergy across St Albans Diocese.

Monday at 2pm or 6:30pm



Christian Cole is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: Get Together Youth Zoom Meeting**

**Time: Mar 30, 2020 02:00 PM** London

Join Zoom Meeting

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