



Taizé provides opportunities for young adults to develop and sustain their faith and spirituality, both in the UK and at Taizé in central France. See www.taize.fr for more information.

WHERE TO GET HELP

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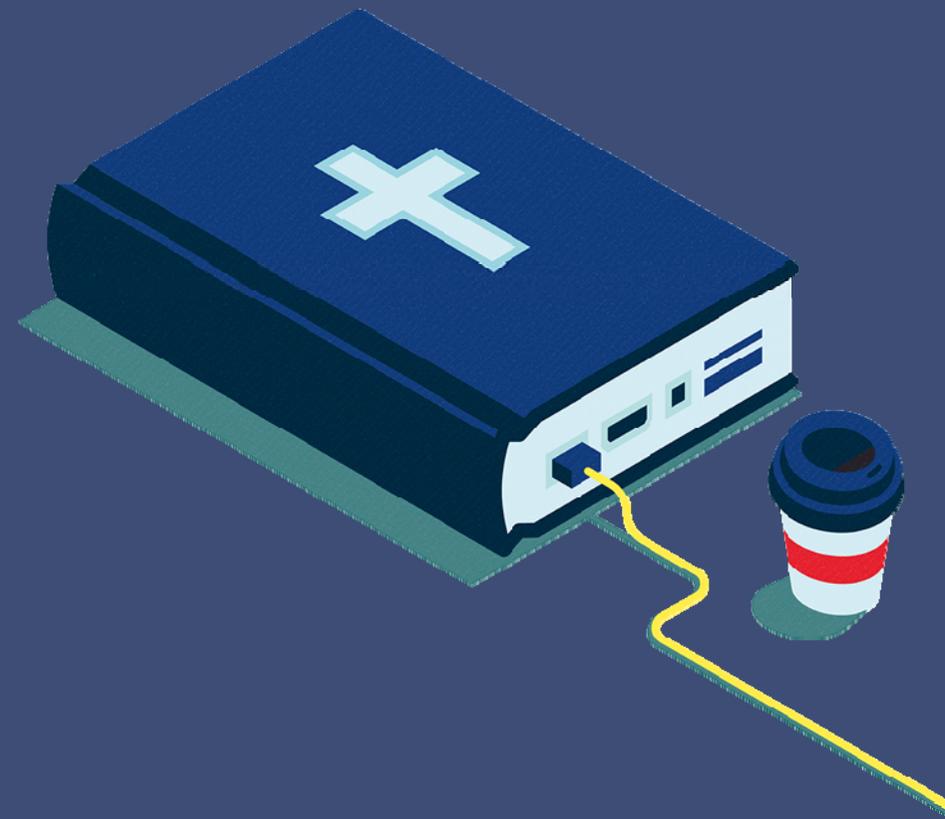
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MISSION ACTION PLANNING

Contact Mike Chesterton or Stephen Tranter for help by calling 0161 828 1400 or email map@manchester.anglican.org

Visit www.manchester.anglican.org/map for resources.

WOULD A CHAT WITH A YOUNG ADULTS MISSIONER HELP YOU **CONNECT MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH YOUNG ADULTS** IN YOUR PARISH?



WHERE ARE THE YOUNG ADULTS?

For many of our churches the 18-30 age group is not well represented. Could it be that the culture has changed so significantly for young adults that our traditional packaging of the gospel is not fit for mission?

Help is available to create a growing environment where you can try new things that include reaching young adults, and feel confident that God wants your church to grow.

KEY POINTS FOR GROWTH

The Anecdote to Evidence report shows that 20% of churches are growing and that there are good practices that can help:

- Good leadership with a clear purpose
- Willingness to change
- Involvement of lay members
- Prioritising growth and focusing on young people
- Nurturing disciples

Remember: One degree of change can make a big difference to the direction of a ship crossing the Atlantic!

There are two possible outreach approaches: invite our friends to church or go out of the church to reach people where they are. Consider appointing a 'champion' for mission to young adults who will provide focus and identify opportunities.



MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has been shown to be a great way to resource and reach out to young adults with young children.

Its values of creativity, hospitality and celebration are popular with all ages. It works well around food, Bible stories and craft activities that enable the exploration of faith and an encounter of God's presence.



Football is one of the easiest ways to reach out to young adult men, followed by a trip to the pub. The Fit4Life course is a useful resource in leading discussions.

YOUNG ADULT DISCIPLESHIP YEAR TRAINING

Churches can appoint a Discipleship Year Trainee who will be based at their church for one year to assist in reaching out to young adults, as well as taking part in other ministries. The trainee would work to an agreed work plan that suits the needs of the church and the interests of the trainee. They study a combination of theology, ministry and leadership, and accommodation can be organised by the local church or by the discipleship centre. A night course if available for those who work.

Talk to your Young Adults Missioner about the possibilities.

HAVE YOU GOT A MISSION ACTION PLAN?

Do you have a Mission Action Plan and does it include an element of engaging with young adults? Talk to us about developing your plan and the resources and people available to help you make it realistic.