Leading up to the Lay Conference, the Children, Young People and Families Team asked the youth delegates what their idea of a dream church would look like. These are their dreams...
My dream church

- Colourful with lots of bright colours
- Fairy lights, chill zone for the youth
- Live music

- Church run by young people, everyone welcome
- Lots of worship
- Prayer time
- Unity
- To serve the poor or the needy
- To spread the love of God

Service times:
Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 (Refreshments after church)
Church is open all day, every day.

Everyone does everything that they can.

Legend:
- Worship
- Main Structure
- Roof Garden
- Circular path around the central area creates central square
- Prayer time
- Main entrance
- Slightly door
- Stained glass spire
- Food for people in need (means & entry)
- Church is open all day, every day.
- No ID

Building materials:
- Glass (different colours)
- White painted concrete (base structure)

Inside painted to look like the night sky.
DREAM CHURCH

Happy loving place
Cares for everyone
No Judgements!

10:30 everyone involved.
Use talents.
Make a census.
Talents.
Refreshments after church.

Open to community groups - older people
Youth organisations
Outreach work
Foodbanks
Reading areas
Liquid worship linked to messy church.

Simple building.
Stone.
Most important is the people.
In the centre of the community.

Fairy lights
The church feels welcoming.

Modern, colourful, classy
Candles.
Healing rooms, relaxing area

My Church would be built on hope and forgiveness.

You can come in 24/7 (365)
Anyone can use it for positive reasons.
UNITY

To be reminded of Jesus and why he came and died for me.

To serve the poor

To ask me questions and challenge me...

Community

Meals, games, songs and music

Calm, peaceful, tranquil, holy, His presence

Welcoming, friends, family, community

Warm and welcoming

Energetic and inventive

Colourful, fun, friendly, kind
**My Dream Church**

- **Youth Bibles**
- **Fundraising** (e.g., runs, cake sale)
- **Chill, Glitter, Colour, Fairy Lights**
- **Music**
- **Worship**
- **Open Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays**
- **Modern Colourful**

- Most important part of the church is feeling comfortable and bringing people together to worship.
- The dream church is warm, could have blankets and solar.
- We go to church to feel close to God in his house.
- It would be made mostly of glass so it is linked with nature and can see outside.
- There are more instruments, in hymns, children can play along.
- Problems faced by youth.
Dream Church

- Modern building.
- Carpeted with pews (but comfy!)
- Weekly services, with access for schools to use, and a youth group to use it too.
- A room for a Sunday Club so they can talk and discuss.
- Stained glass windows.
- A team who helps and supports the vicar.
- An inside toilet and kitchen area.
Church link with Tanzania

Bible readings

Setting = Cornwall by the beach

Lots of people celebrating

Lots of church projects

Lots of music

Music group

Children's space - junior church

Deco desk alter

Organ

Stain glass windows

Let there be light

Nice light colours

Pew

Prayer corner

Displays of the work being done through the church

Choir Vestry
lots of people (everyone is welcome) but please don't eat us, however if you do, we shall forgive you!

we have a huge prayer board!

Take-aways in our church

everyone is respected!

BAPTISMAL POOL + a slide!!

LIVE BAND!

tattooing (if it's a crossfish, it's free.)

we have a silent room... shhhhh!
Q + A session.

Online forums for church community.

Youth group with lots of older youth.

Opportunities to volunteer within church and give to community e.g. homeless.

Dream Church.

Bible study sessions and help to apply to everyday life.

Youth sermon relating to things like exams, friendships, school etc.

Community areas for church to be able to socialise.

Building used for events, celebrations, community.

Music which appeals to younger people.
Family

Faith

People from
congregation say readings and prayers.

Sunday
morning service.

Band
Gear.

God's Foundations

Talk about God
Openly outside church.

Church
Fairs.

Love

Community rooms
for the whole community.

Mosaics

Always open for prayers.

Stone.

Pews with comfy cushion.

Youth club
leads all aged service.

Paintings

Meetings
Ressurection people.

Music

God.
Jesus loves you!

The church part of the service is also not just for older people.

Children's groups designed by young people for young people.

Open 24-7 with easy to access prayer spaces open for all ages, races and religions.

Different types of bread for communion.

Modern, more relatable children groups.
Communion: 
- Good worship 
- Band 
- Feel safe to be yourself 
- Be able to ask questions and where adults admit they don't have all the answers.

Opportunities to build relationships with people from different ages.

Kinaesthetic learning

Opportunities to experience relationship with God - encounter spiritual space

Permanent comfy chill out space for small group meetings with starry sky ceiling.

Retracting pews to give floor space when needed.

Relevant Bible study small groups.

Adults who talk to and are interested in me.

Young Adult role models.
Services
Saturday afternoon
Sunday morning
Sunday evening
Wednesday morning

Using people's talents
Youth groups
House groups

Food
Generous
Fairy lights

Explore together done regularly
All ages, genders, races,
Sexualities, social classes
Together
Accessible
Collaborative
Kind
Family

Outward looking
Lots of plants outside

Outdoor and fresh air!
Social community action
Varied

Environmentally friendly
Welcoming
Inclusive

Honest
Church service layout/aside:

- 10:30 - morning - children present
- 11:00 - children go to groups
- 11:30 - praise/song
- 12:00 - kids cafe, tea & coffee + fellowship time

My favourite thing about my church is the feeling of family, non-judgmental environment + the presence of the Holy Spirit + freedom.

How does the church show that God is there?

- Holy Spirit present
- Love + welcome shown to members of the community through projects and friendly welcoming congregation
- Child-friendly - offering worship, children to dance in open space at front (and adults' songs) - also should be well-equipped children's groups - age appropriate church teaching, worship etc.

The church shows what heaven is like or by leading a Child-friend worship, and allowing the Holy Spirit to move, and the congregation to use the gifts of the spirit.

Physical appearance of the church building is not important.
However, the building should be welcoming, warm, and large enough for a congregation to gather in an open space.

Service:
- Sunday morning - 10:30
- 9:30 evening service

Worlds apart from facilities such as:

- Sound/PA system
- Stage so that the congregation can see the band
- Toilet/baby changing
- Kitchen facilities
- Festivity in floor that can be saved.

Building used to work as a community centre - this can be used to provide facilities for locals in need and introduce them to the church.

Possible community projects:

- Youth + bible groups
- Bible study group for local youth
- Youth group for local youth (non-biblical)
- Parent meetups
- Soup kitchen.

There should be a microphone at the front (housed by an elder) to allow members of the congregation to bring words/vocal prophetic songs/read bible, that God has put on their heart.
The services would be every week on a Sunday, one in the morning and one in the evening.

There would be a choir that anyone could join. It would be a gospel choir. A band.

By the seaside

Anyone can use the building. The church would be open to anyone.

There would be a garden where the community would grow fruit and flowers, and sell it and give that money to charity.
Your turn! Imagine your dream church...

- What does it look like?
- What would be in it?
- Where will the Church be?
- What would it be built of?
- Who uses the building and why do they use it?
- When are the services?
- What happens in the services and who does what?
- How does the Church show that God is there?
- How do the people tell others about God?
- What does your dream church feel like?
- What is your favourite thing about your dream church?
- What is the most important thing about your dream church?
- How does your dream church show a glimpse of what heaven is like?
- If God is everywhere, why do we go to Church?