

## Children's Ministry Synod Report

### VIP Magazine

The purpose of the VIP magazine is to connect children with each other, the wider Diocese and God. It is also to give parishes a resource that can be given out in the wider community. Since mid-2020 there have been 4 issues printed. 900 copies were printed for the Easter 2021 edition and were distributed among 35 different ministry units.

### Leader's Guild

2020 was a difficult year to run events, but 4 Guild's will be run during 2021. The Leader's Guild is networking and training for any children's ministries leaders.

### Big Day Out

In January 2021 we ran our first Family Big Day Out with over 150 people. This event was to provide Diocese and Parish families a fun and relaxed way to connect with each other and build relationships. The day included abseiling, water slide, flying fox, water hole, kayaking and many other activities. We are looking forward to running again in 2022.

### Connections and support

It has been a pleasure to visit a number of Archdeaconries, and to meet with many Vicars and children's workers to offer support and advice.

### Church work

I have been able to be involved in 'on the ground' children's ministry for a number of months. In this time I recommended and supported the employment of a new children's worker and will continue to mentor her long term as well as setting up a small team and incorporating some teenage leaders. I will be moving on to another parish to support them for a time in any way that I can.

I have also been able to begin to support the setup of a small afterschool programme with a team of leaders, this is still very new, but encouraging.

### Theology House Course

This year I have worked alongside Theology house to create a certificate level practical Children's ministry course. We have had one student this year, and are looking forward to developing the programme further next year.

### Resourcing

I have continued to resource children's workers through the facebook group, our website and emails.