

# Growing Young Vocations Day - Communications Toolkit

## Event Details

**Date:** Saturday 28 March 2026

**Time:** 10:45am–6:00pm

**Location:** St Paul's Church, Canterbury followed by service at Canterbury Cathedral

**Audience:** Young people (14–25), Youth Ministers, Clergy & Church Leaders

## Aim:

To celebrate the young leaders we already have, encourage new young leaders in the life of the Church, and inspire clergy and youth ministers to actively support and nurture young vocations - *a celebration of what is and what could be.*

## 1. Email Draft: Area Dean → Parish Clergy, Lay Chairs & Church Officers

**Subject:** Encouraging Your Young People – Growing Young Vocations Day (28 March 2026)

Dear friends,

I'm delighted to share details of an exciting diocesan event: **Growing Young Vocations Day**, taking place on **Saturday 28 March 2026 at St Paul's, Canterbury (10:45am–6pm)**.

This day is designed to **celebrate our young leaders**, encourage the next generation, and equip those of us who disciple them. Young people aged **14–25** will have the opportunity to explore different forms of ministry through workshops on music, preaching, intercessions/reading, and everyday faith/schools ministry. Clergy and youth ministers can also attend a dedicated workshop on **Raising Young Leaders**.

In addition, the day will include a Eucharist, a '5-Minute Ministries' Panel, drop-in ministry conversations, and a service at Canterbury Cathedral.

### Please consider:

- inviting those in your church community who might benefit from this
- encouraging your PCC, youth teams, and volunteers to promote the event
- including the [resources on the diocesan website](#) in your pew sheets, newsletters, and social media

**Registration link:** <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>

Thank you for all you do in nurturing the gifts of young people in our parishes. Let us celebrate what God is already doing – and consider what could be.

With every blessing,

[Name]

Area Dean

## 2. School Assembly Resource

### Assembly Script

**Title:** Growing Young Vocations: Why Your Gifts Matter

Good morning, everyone. Today we're talking about something exciting: how young people - people your age - are already shaping the Church and wider community, and how you can use your gifts.

You might not realise it, but young people lead all the time: in sports teams, creative clubs, music groups, volunteering, and friendship circles. Leadership isn't about age - it's about responsibility, courage, and willingness to serve.

On **Saturday 28 March**, young people aged 14–25 are gathering at St Paul's Church in Canterbury to explore different forms of ministry - music, preaching, reading, leading prayers, working in schools, and more. It's a day for exploring gifts, asking questions, and discovering new possibilities.

If you enjoy helping others, speaking, creating, serving behind the scenes, or exploring faith - this day is a great chance to build on these interests and continue making a difference.

We're blessed with incredible young leaders – and there's room for more voices and gifts. Could yours be one of them?

If you're interested in attending - or even just curious - speak to your chaplain/RE teacher/youth minister/parents/guardians.

Thank you, and we hope to see some of you there!

## 3. Parish Newsletter Entry

### **Growing Young Vocations Day – Saturday 28 March 2026**

Young people aged **14–25** are invited to take part in Growing Young Vocations Day at **St Paul's, Canterbury and then a service at Canterbury Cathedral**, from **10:45am–6pm**. This day celebrates the amazing young leaders we already have and encourages new gifts

to grow. Participants can join workshops in ministry skills (music, preaching, intercessions/reading, school ministry), hear from ministry leaders, and finish the day at a service in Canterbury Cathedral. Youth ministers and clergy are warmly encouraged to attend too.

*To register, visit: <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>*

## 4. Pew Sheet Entry

### **Growing Young Vocations Day – 28 March 2026**

For young people aged 14–25 and those who disciple them. A day of workshops, worship, and exploring God's call at St Paul's, Canterbury (10:45am - 6pm). Includes Eucharist and interactive sessions, before service at Canterbury Cathedral.

*More info & sign-up: <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>*

## 5. Email to Parents/Guardians of Youth Group Members

**Subject:** Invitation for your young person – Growing Young Vocations Day

Dear parents/guardians,

We are excited to invite your young person to **Growing Young Vocations Day on Saturday 28 March 2026**, held at St Paul's, Canterbury from **10:45am to 6pm**.

This is a day designed to build confidence, develop practical skills, and help young people explore their gifts. It includes workshops, worship, conversations with ministry leaders, and a service at Canterbury Cathedral.

Young people do not need prior church leadership experience - just an openness to explore.

If your young person is interested in attending or you would like more information, visit: <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>

Warm regards,

[Name]

Youth Minister

## 6. Social Media Captions

### General Promotion

 Growing Young Vocations Day – 28 March 2026, 10:45am-6pm  
A day for **young people aged 14–25 and the youth ministers, clergy, volunteers, and leaders** who support them.

Join us for practical workshops, shared stories, worship, and space to explore your gifts, interests, and the ways you can make a difference in your church and community.

Whether you're interested in music, reading in church, leading prayers, preaching, working with schools, or supporting others in faith - there's something here for you.

- 👉 St Paul's, Canterbury
- 👉 Sign up today <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>

Let's celebrate what young people are already doing... and explore what could grow next.

### Bishop Rose promo video

 A message from Bishop Rose  
Join us on 28 March for Growing Young Vocations Day – a day for young people and those who guide them to explore skills, worship, and leadership in church life. 

Watch, be inspired, and sign up today: <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>

### Meet the team

Swipe to meet the people shaping Growing Young Vocations Day:

- workshop leaders
- ministry speakers
- youth ministers & clergy
- young people who've stepped into leadership
- and others passionate about helping young people grow in confidence and service

Whether you're exploring how to get involved or supporting someone who is, we'd love you to join us.

 Saturday 28 March, 10:45am-6pm, St Paul's Canterbury followed by service @ Canterbury Cathedral

Sign up:  <https://click.canterburydiocese.org/GYV26>

## Highlighting workshops

### Discover your gifts and try something new!

At **Growing Young Vocations Day**, you can choose **two interactive workshops** to explore hands-on skills in church life:

- Leading worship and music 
- Reading and leading prayers 
- Preaching 
- Ministry in schools and everyday faith 

Whether you're a young person curious about ministry, or a youth leader supporting them, these workshops are a chance to **learn, practice, and be inspired**.

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## 4-week countdown

 4 weeks to go!

Growing Young Vocations Day is nearly here - a space for young people and those who guide them to explore new skills and ways of serving within their churches.

Workshops • Worship • Real stories • Cathedral service 

If you disciple or mentor young people, we'd love to see you there too.

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## 3-week countdown

 3 weeks to go!

Young people (14-25) and those who disciple them are invited to discover different ways of contributing to church life.

Choose from hands-on workshops in:

 Music in worship

 Reading and leading prayers

 Preaching

 Everyday faith & schools ministry

 Plus a dedicated session for clergy and youth ministers on supporting young leaders

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## **2-weeks to go (last chance for sign-ups)**

 LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! 

Sign-ups close this week! This is your final opportunity to sign-up for a day of exploring roles and opportunities within the life of the Church.

For young people aged 14–25 *and* the adults who encourage and support them.

Try something new, develop practical skills, and see where you might want to get involved.

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## **7. Social Media Plan for parishes (8-Week Schedule)**

### **8 weeks out**

- General promo (socials)
- Email church officers with full toolkit
- Assembly resource (script and PowerPoint) sent to schools/used by church for school visit/assembly

### **7 weeks out**

- Promo video from Bishop Rose (socials)
- Parishes include newsletter and pew sheet items

### **6 weeks out**

- Meet the team (those leading/talking at GYD) - socials

### **5 weeks out**

- Highlighting workshops (socials)

### **4 weeks out**

- 4-week countdown (socials)

- Encourage people in your church community who might benefit from this to attend
- Email parents/guardians

### **3 weeks out**

- 3-week countdown (socials)
- Reminder in parish newsletters, pew sheets etc.

### **2 weeks out**

- Final sign-up reminder (socials [and emails])

### **Event Day**

- Live updates (reels, stories, photos where permitted)
- Encourage the hashtag: **#GrowingYoungVocations** and **GYVD26**

### **Post-Event**

- Thank-you graphics
- Testimonies / highlights video
- Follow-up conversations
- Encourage sign-ups to Growing Young Leaders course
- Website/newsletter article

## **8. Website/newsletter article [after event]**

Last weekend, St Paul's Church in Canterbury and Canterbury Cathedral were filled with energy, hope, and inspiration as young people, youth ministers, clergy, and church leaders gathered for the Growing Young Vocations Day. The event brought together over [insert attendance] participants from across our diocese, all united by a shared commitment to nurturing the gifts and leadership potential of our young people.

Throughout the day, attendees took part in a vibrant programme of workshops, exploring ministry skills in music, preaching, intercessions, reading, and school ministry. Young people led prayers, shared their stories, and discovered new ways to serve both in church and the wider community. Clergy and youth ministers joined a dedicated session on 'Raising Young Leaders', exchanging ideas and practical strategies for supporting the next generation.

The day also included moments of worship and reflection, including a joyful Eucharist and a '5-Minute Ministries' panel, where experienced leaders answered questions and encouraged participants to step forward in faith. The event culminated in a service at Canterbury Cathedral, involving young people - a powerful testament to the gifts already flourishing among us.

[Include a quote from someone in your church community who attended here]

*What's Next? Growing Young Leaders Course*

If your young people enjoyed Growing Young Vocations Day or are looking for ways to grow in confidence and leadership, encourage them to sign up for the Growing Young Leaders course. This follow-up programme is designed to build on the momentum of the day, offering practical training, mentoring, and opportunities to serve.

Sign up for Growing Young Leaders: [insert link here]