

Resources for Young Church Leaders

1) The Filling Station

<http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk/about/>

The Filling Station works with existing churches to bring new Christian life to an area. The Filling Station Trust has been set up to facilitate any local group wishing to start a meeting in their part of the world. We can provide human and practical resources, guidance on how to establish a successful local meeting, liaison with your local clergy, background prayer support, prayer ministry training workshops plus tried & tested speakers for meetings. We have a mandate to help any group wishing to start a Filling Station in the UK & Europe.

2) Provincial Youth Committee/Glenalmond Youth Weeks

<http://www.scotland.anglican.org/who-we-are/organisation/boards-and-committees/provincial-youth-committee/>

3) 'Sticky Church'

http://ministryformation.com.au/attachments/017_sticky-church.pdf

In Sticky Church, author and pastor Larry Osborne makes the case that closing the back door of your church is even more important than opening the front door wider. He offers a time-tested strategy for doing so: sermon-based small groups that dig deeper into the weekend message and tightly velcro members to the ministry. It's a strategy that enabled Osborne's congregation to grow from a handful of people to one of the larger churches in the nation - without any marketing or special programming.

4) Messy Church

<http://www.messychurch.org.uk/about-messy-church>

- A way of being church for families involving fun
- A church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour
- Is found across the world
- Values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

5) 24/7 Prayer

<http://uk.24-7prayer.com/>

Prayer exists to reconcile the world to God in Jesus Christ. We are changing the world by mobilising the Church in prayer, mission and justice.

6) Alpha

<http://www.alpha.org/>

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

7) Youth Alpha

<http://talkbuilder.youthalpha.org/>

8) Godly Play

<http://www.godlyplay.org.uk/>

Godly Play is a non-coercive way to encourage children to move into larger dimensions of belief and faith, through wondering questions and open-ended response time.

It is a way of preparing children to join in the worship and life of their congregations as they develop a deeper understanding of stories, symbols and rites.

Although it was originally developed as a resource for children, Godly Play is now being used with a wide range of age groups in a diversity of settings.