

LOCKDOWN RESOURCES

How can our church stay connected with the children and young people we know?

After our first experience of lockdown, many of us have become familiar with ways of connecting with church families and youth groups online. We've been [using Zoom](#) and discovering the opportunities and limitations of this tool. As we face an uncertain future of possible further lockdowns and restrictions, here's a reminder of some of the things that work...

What about safeguarding online?

If you have a specific query or concern, speak to the Diocesan or Provincial Protection Officers - more details [here](#). This [short video](#) shares top tips for best practice online.

The Province Office has produced some valuable guidance for online youth work - [click here](#).

What activities can we do together?

Pray. For very young children at home, be inspired by the [Play and Pray](#) resources; for Primary-aged children, get creative with [Flame: Creative Children's Ministry](#). Check out [GodVenture](#) for lots of imaginative prayer and Bible resources, and also for a simple guide to [Faith at home in a time of Coronavirus](#).

Explore the Bible. Contemplative Bible storytelling for children is available as podcasts from [We Wonder](#). For young people and adults, an excellent daily devotional resource is [Lectio 365](#): a gentle, easy-to-use app that helps you be still and encounter God by praying with the Bible every day. There are lots of imaginative resources for family-based worship available from [Together at Home](#).

Sing! Children can sing along with Fischy Music songs for free at [FischyTunes](#).

Have fun! Here are 7 great ideas for [fun things to do together online](#). Love animals? Here are [13 zoos that offer live streams](#) of tigers, pandas, penguins, koalas and more. For those who love art or history, some of the world's best [museums and galleries](#) offer free virtual tours and online collections. If you need a wealth of activities for children, try [The Great Indoors](#), a new initiative produced by Bear Grylls with the [Scouts UK](#).

Go wild. There are lots of resources to help children connect with nature, even within the confines of a garden or one walk a day. For tips on what to spot, try [Discover The Wild](#) on Facebook. You can even train for the hills with these [Mini Mountain Leader](#) resources from [Trek Scotland](#)! Faith-based activities in nature are suggested by [Wild Lent](#) and [Wild Advent](#) - great for following as a family at home. Be inspired by [Forest Church](#): people are sharing some great videos and ideas for connecting faith and the natural world.

And finally... There is food for thought [here](#) about coping with a dark winter lockdown, and interesting lessons to learn from those who live in the Arctic Circle.

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