

# VISION

## Resources to help in developing a vision and strategy

1. **How Will Our Children Have Faith?** – this Learn publication has four sections that can help a church to work through their vision for the church.



Where are our children and young people? Is what we are doing working? Should we employ a youth worker? 'How will our children have faith' will help congregations ask 'Why?' they should run a children or youth ministry before they ask 'How?' to do it. The guide will take you through four steps, helping you to reflect on and evaluate ministry with children and young people in your church. We hope that by working through this resource, congregations will be able to understand the importance and the purpose of their work with children and young people before starting up activities.

[www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/learn/resources/how\\_will\\_our\\_children\\_have\\_faith](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/resources/learn/resources/how_will_our_children_have_faith)

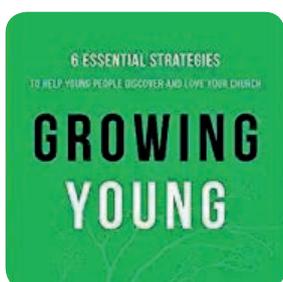
2. **Learn: Children and Young People** publication has articles exploring how we can be church together, work together and be formed together.



The articles in this publication all focus on the importance of thinking theologically; including children and young people in the community of faith and the importance of skilled and effective leadership. This is offered as a starting point for further thought, offering questions to think about or for discussion, ideas for further reading, actions to try and resources to use.

<https://standrewpress.hymnsam.co.uk/features/learn>

3. **Growing Young** explores six essential strategies for churches to become more effective in their ministry with young people.



The strategies covered focus on how a church can involve and retain young people in the congregational community, as well as helping them develop a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ. What helps in engaging young people effectively? What helps young people develop lasting faith that carries them through the challenges of adulthood? Which faith experiences help them commit to following Jesus beyond their youth ministry and family contexts?

[www.churchesgrowingyoung.com/](http://www.churchesgrowingyoung.com/)

**'We need to work together to make sure there is a positive and vibrant future for children and young people'**