

Why intergenerational?



Some findings from Care for the Family



- The majority of people who come to faith do so before the age of 19, 40% under the age of 5

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- Despite 85% of parents believing that they are primarily responsible for their child's spiritual development, they also genuinely believe that the Church is better placed than they are to actually do it.

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A group of people, including men, women, and children, are walking through a field of yellow flowers. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees and rolling hills under a clear sky.

The key factors that increase the chances of children choosing to follow their parents' faith are:

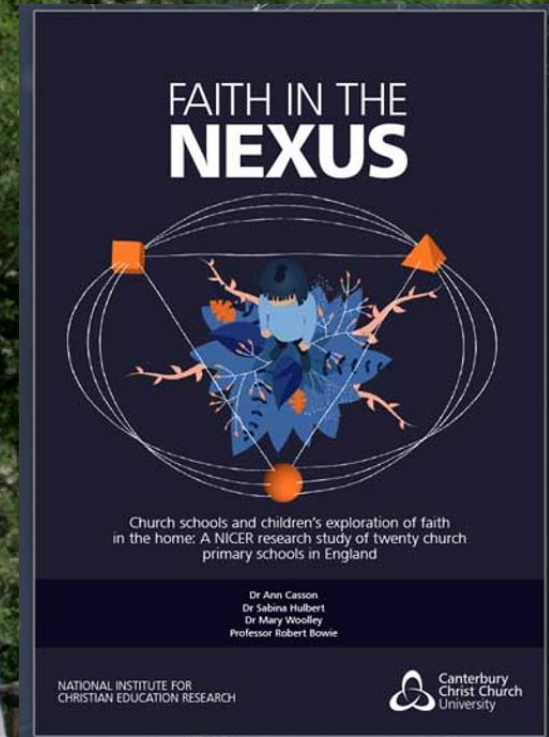
- Children feel close to their parents and grow up in a warm family.
- Children see that their parents have a developing, authentic (not perfect) faith themselves.
- Parents seek to develop and nurture their children's faith.
- Children receive positive multigenerational input from the wider family and church.

Faith in the Nexus research



Four emergent themes

- Sense of belonging: family, school and church
- Being: reflective practices
- Doing: routines, rituals and relationships
- Talking: about faith



From 'Our future is intergenerational'

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Being intentionally intergenerational

- Reclaims God's intent for faith to be shared in community and across generations
- Affirms each person's value in the total community – regardless of age
- Fosters a foundation of support of each other's concerns, interests, and activities
- Provides 'up close and personal' formation in faith as everyone learns and shares together
- Utilises the strengths of one generation to meet the needs of another generation

A group of three people are walking through a lush green field. In the foreground, there are tall grasses and small yellow flowers. In the middle ground, a man in a pink shirt and tie, a woman in a red and white patterned top, and a man in a dark blue shirt and grey pants are walking. Behind them is a large, dense tree with white flowers. The background shows a rolling green landscape with a stone wall and a small red building in the distance.

So...

If there was one thing from this presentation that you would like your congregation to know, what would it be?

What are the opportunities and challenges of them knowing it?

