



Support, Connection, and Growth for
Youth, Children's and Families Leaders



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Why?

We recognise the importance of providing support, connection and community for children's, families, and youth ministers who often feel isolated in their roles and may lack support and encouragement on the ground.

We are currently taking 19 children's, families and youth workers through a pilot year, and will be launching a range of resources in January 2026 to provide 360° support for key volunteers and employees across the South West.

Who is it for?

360 Community is designed for full- or part-time children's, families and youth ministers serving in local churches in the South West, whether in a first appointment or those with decades of experience.

Committed volunteer leaders are also welcome, though we recognise some events may be harder for them to access.

What's included?

360 Community will begin in January 2026 with our Annual Retreat. It will include the following resources over 12 months:

Annual Retreat: A 30-hour retreat with the whole 360 Community, including space to worship, receive prayer and rest.

Learning Communities: Termly online exploration of a book exploring either Head (theology), Heart (devotional), or Hands (leadership), including author Q&A.

Small Groups: Monthly local gatherings for encouragement, accountability and support, including a theological reflection resource for each gathering.

Call to Prayer: Weekly 30-minute online moment to stop and pray for children, young people and families, and for each other.

Annual Commissioning: Join the SWYM Commissioning service in September to be commissioned into a new year of service, and to be prayed for all year around by SWYM supporters.

Annual Conversation: A moment each year to check-in with the leader and their line manager and to offer line manager training if helpful.

Professional Development Day: One free day of input held at Lee Abbey in North Devon.

Paraklesis: membership of the Association of Children's, Youth and Families Ministers (worth £50), giving access to exclusive discounts and resources.

Available at additional cost:

Professional Development Days: Three additional days across the year.

Bespoke Coaching: Three individual coaching sessions with an expert in an area of ministry or leadership.

Annual Pilgrimage: Join us to walk and pray for 2-3 days along ancient paths across the South West.

How much is it?

360 Community costs £360 for the year – this includes all the resources listed overleaf (except optional extras). If you have any questions about costs, or how you might be able to access funding from your denomination, please contact us.



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