

One session from 15h30 to 16h30

Launching of the Faith in Action Award scheme.

The Rev'd Jamie Gater (Children, Youth and Family Strategy Officer)

The Faith in Action Awards is a scheme which recognises the Christian faith and service of young people and children in our church schools. Designed by our colleagues in the Roman Catholic church, adapted by our diocese and piloted in schools last year, we are pleased to launch the awards, modified to work in our Church of England context, and celebrating the response of young people to God's calling on their lives.

Think of the Duke of Edinburgh awards, but for church, and you're not far off. Young people record their service in school and the community, reflect together on what the bible has to say, journal along the way, and then finish by creating a piece of work that sums up all they have learned and experienced. We've received songs, poster, art, poetry, liturgy and sculpture. The award is rigorous though, with the work being submitted to a team of clergy, schools' staff, seminarians and youth workers to moderate, ensuring that those who receive the award really have met the standard. Our pilot schools have shared amazing, good news stories of children growing in their faith, and we can't wait to introduce the whole diocese to this innovative and exciting programme!