

# Including everyone – an overview for leaders

There are some links to articles, resources and community that may be useful.

## Articles from the Parenting for Faith website

We have a variety of articles on additional needs:

- For churches: [parentingforfaith.org/topics/additional-needs-and-church](https://parentingforfaith.org/topics/additional-needs-and-church).
- For parents and carers: [parentingforfaith.org/topics/additional-needs](https://parentingforfaith.org/topics/additional-needs). This includes posts designed to accompany the original Parenting for Faith course.

## Training and consultancy

Just some of the many organisations offering support to churches:

- [Growing Hope](#) provides free therapy for children and young people with additional needs in partnership with local churches. They also offer church [Accessibility Awards](#): an audit visit with tools and recommendations to help your churches improve their accessibility.
- [Training from Urban Saints' Mark Arnold](#) on additional needs ministry.
- [Training from Becky George](#) in using Makaton in churches.
- [Through the Roof](#) provides information and resources to UK churches.

## Community

- The [Additional Needs Alliance](#) helps churches to include, support, create places of belonging for, and spiritually grow children, young people and young adults with additional needs or disabilities. They have a particularly active and helpful [Facebook page](#).

## Resources

- [Resources for churches](#) from the Additional Needs Alliance – practical resources such as visual timetables, PEC (picture exchange communication) cards, social stories and policies.
- A downloadable '[About Me](#)' form from Growing Hope.
- [Becky George's YouTube channel with Makaton worship songs](#).
- [Love Surpassing Knowledge](#) by Naomi Graham: a holistic guide to accessibility and the church, including many stories and strategies for including everyone.
- [Diocese of Oxford's 2021 guidelines for 'Welcoming and Including Autistic People in our Churches and Communities'](#).
- [Aslan Church](#) – curriculum from Tonbridge Baptist Church for children and young people with additional needs.

*We do hope these notes are helpful. If you'd like to explore more fully how to create a church culture where Parenting for Faith can flourish, we have a book, [It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent](#), and [a course in partnership with Cliff College](#), which both unpack these ideas and will help you apply them to your unique situation.*

*If you would like to join our Parenting for Faith community, do join our [Facebook page for children and youth leaders](#), or consider coming along to one of our [Forge retreats](#).*