

Grandparenting Matters



Hello Grandparents

Welcome to our 7th edition of Grandparenting Matters. This newsletter is prepared just for you and filled with love and encouragement.

Inside this Issue

- In this edition of Grandparenting Matters we explore how understanding your grandchild's unique love language can deepen relationships, strengthen prayer, and open opportunities to share God's love in everyday moments. We also invite you to join us for our summer Grandparenting Celebration and look ahead with excitement to the first National Christian Grandparenting Conference in Milton Keynes this October.
- You'll also find encouragement from Larry Fowler's inspiring webinar Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers - offering practical wisdom and renewed hope for grandparents navigating the joys and challenges of passing on faith to the next generation.

Save the Dates!

This time it's Save the Date for **two** great events!

Join with us on **Tuesday 11th August** at the Church Centre for an afternoon with **light refreshments**
Celebrating all things Grandparenting!
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AND!

the **First National Christian Grandparenting UK Conference**
in Milton Keynes
Saturday 3rd October!

Don't miss out on this wonderful event to encourage and inspire you!
Let's have a '*Grand Day Out*' together!
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Speaking Your Grandchild's Love Language

"Grandma, watch me!"

How many times have we heard those words? Perhaps from a climbing frame, beside a swimming pool, or while admiring a carefully drawn picture.

What a grandchild is often really saying is:

"Please notice me."

"Please spend time with me."

"Please tell me I'm important."

At our recent Christian Grandparenting event in March, we explored Gary Chapman's concept of the Five Love Languages. His research suggests that while children appreciate all forms of love, most have one or two ways in which they particularly receive and understand it.

As Christian grandparents, learning our grandchildren's love language can strengthen relationships, help us pray more effectively, and create opportunities to point them towards God's love.

Understanding the Unique Way Each Grandchild Receives Love

Imagine two grandchildren visiting.

One runs straight into your arms. The other immediately asks, *"Can we do something together?"*

Both are seeking love — but in different ways.

Gary Chapman describes a child's "love tank". When children feel loved and secure, they tend to thrive emotionally and become more open to healthy relationships and spiritual conversations.

1. Appropriate Physical Touch: "Hold My Hand"

Some children naturally receive love through appropriate affection and closeness.

They hold your hand, climb onto your lap, or sit close beside you.

One grandmother described a granddaughter who never arrived or left without a hug. When upset, she simply sat quietly beside Grandma until she felt safe again.

Appropriate touch communicates reassurance, belonging and security.

Prayer: Lord, help my grandchild always know they are loved, secure and safe in your care.

2. Words of Affirmation: "Tell Me I Matter"

Some grandchildren flourish through encouraging words.

They ask, *"Did I do well?"* and remember compliments long after we have forgotten giving them.

One grandfather encouraged his grandson after a school presentation. Months later, the boy mentioned how much those words had meant.

Our words can shape confidence and identity.

Simple phrases such as:

"I'm proud of you."

"You showed great kindness."

"I love spending time with you."

can become lifelong memories.

Prayer: Lord, help my grandchild hear your truth and know they are fearfully and wonderfully made.



3. Quality Time: "Watch Me"

For some grandchildren, love is spelled T-I-M-E.

Not expensive outings. Not gifts. Simply your undivided attention.

A grandmother regularly took her grandson for hot chocolate and conversation. Years later he told her those chats were among his favourite memories.

These children often ask:

"Will you play with me?"

"Can you watch?"

"Can we do something together?"

Often they remember less about what you did and more about the fact that you were there.

Prayer: Lord, help me slow down and be fully present with my grandchildren.

4. Gifts: "I Thought About You"

For some children, a thoughtful gift speaks volumes.

The value is rarely financial. The gift says:

"I was thinking about you."

One little girl treasured a simple seashell brought back from holiday because it reminded her that Grandma and Grandad loved her.

A special birthday card, bookmark, Christian book, Bible, or handwritten note can become a treasured keepsake.

Prayer: Lord, may my grandchildren discover that your grace is the greatest gift of all.

5. Acts of Service: "You Helped Me"

Some grandchildren feel most loved through practical help.

Helping with homework. Fixing a toy. Attending a football match. Giving a lift.

One grandfather spent hours helping build a model aircraft with his grandson. Years later, the grandson still remembered the time and effort invested in him.

Acts of service say:

"You matter."

"You are worth my time."

Prayer: Lord, help my grandchildren develop servant hearts that reflect Christ.

Please let us know if you'd like to take up the offer from our last event of a copy of the 5 Love Languages with 2 copies of 'Hear our Hearts' for you to give away - all for £17.50! A few sets left! email us at : christiangrandparents@btinternet.com



Special Offer!!

Retail price $\pounds 9.99 + \pounds 14.99 + \pounds 9.99 = \pounds 34.97$

For £17.50

Saving £17.47



Keep Pouring In

Imagine a container being filled with five different liquids, each representing a love language. Every hug, encouraging word, shared activity, thoughtful gift, and act of service adds a little more.

As the container fills, something beautiful overflows: security, confidence, joy, resilience and openness to faith.

We will not always get it right. But every prayer, conversation, visit and expression of love matters.

Behind our imperfect love stands a perfect heavenly Father who knows each grandchild completely and loves them far more than we ever could. Our calling is simply to keep pouring — prayerfully, faithfully and patiently — trusting God to use every drop.



Join Us for our Grandparenting Celebration – Tuesday 11th August 2026

There are moments in life that deserve to be celebrated — and Christian grandparenting is certainly one of them.

We are delighted to invite you to our Grandparenting Celebration on Tuesday 11th August 2026 from 3.00pm–5.00pm. You are invited on this summer afternoon to gather together, give thanks to God, encourage one another and celebrate the unique and precious role grandparents have in passing on faith to the next generation.

Being a grandparent is one of life's greatest privileges. Whether your grandchildren live near or far away, whether they are babies, teenagers or adults, God has given grandparents an extraordinary opportunity to love, pray, encourage and point younger generations to Jesus.

This celebration afternoon will be a joyful opportunity to:

- Thank God together
- Hear an inspiring video of "Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers"
- Pray for our grandchildren and families
- Celebrate all that God is doing through grandparents



There will also be light refreshments for a summer afternoon, giving time to relax, chat and connect with other Christian grandparents.

Whether you are just beginning the grandparenting journey or have been walking it for many years, this afternoon is for you.

Our prayer is that everyone who comes will leave encouraged, refreshed and reminded that God is still writing stories of faith through families today.

If you would like to join us in the Church Centre at Moulton Church, please email us at: christiangrandparents@btinternet.com

We would love to celebrate with you!

An invitation card with a light blue background, decorated with colorful bunting flags at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "Inspire Series - Christian Grandparenting" in a small font, followed by "YOU ARE INVITED TO A" in all caps, and "Grandparents' Celebration" in a large, red, cursive font. Below this, it says "Tuesday 11th August 2026 3-5pm" and "Church Centre, Moulton Parish Church NN3 7SW". The event is described as "An Inspirational and Celebratory Event for all Christian Grandparents with light refreshments". Contact information includes the email "christiangrandparents@btinternet.com" and phone number "07713 149 408". The card features illustrations of a chocolate ice cream cone with a cherry on top on the left, and a cup of tea with a slice of cake on the right. The phrase "See you there!" is written in a cursive font at the bottom center.

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and to receive further information
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See you there!

"One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts." (Psalm 145:4)

Join Us at the First National Christian Grandparenting Conference

Saturday 3 October | Milton Keynes

Something exciting is happening.

We have joined with three Christian organisations and for the first time, Christian grandparents from across the UK will gather together for a National Christian Grandparenting Conference in Milton Keynes - a day designed to inspire, equip and encourage us. Please support us in this amazing adventure.

Many grandparents know the joy of being involved in the lives of their grandchildren but there are also the challenges. How do we pass on faith naturally? How do we pray effectively? How do we stay connected when families are busy, relationships are complicated, or grandchildren are growing up in a rapidly changing world?

This conference will help answer these questions and remind us that grandparenting is a God-given opportunity to leave a spiritual legacy.

The day will include:

- **Inspiring main sessions from experienced speakers**
- **Practical ideas and encouragement for everyday grandparenting**
- **Opportunities to meet and learn from other Christian grandparents**
- **Resources to help you nurture faith across generations**
- **Space to reflect, pray and renew your vision for the years ahead**

Whether you are a grandparent of toddlers, teenagers, adult grandchildren or whether family circumstances are straightforward or complicated, this day is just for you.

Why not come with others from your church or group? There is a special group offer that is buy five tickets for the price of four, making this a great opportunity to invite friends and share the experience together. If you are part of Moulton Parish Church there is the opportunity to sign up for tickets on the welcome table and arrange or offer lifts.

At Grandparenting Matters, we long to see grandparents encouraged and released into their unique role of helping the next generation know and love Jesus. We hope many of you will join us for what promises to be a landmark day in the life of Christian grandparenting in the UK.

Please see the flyer enclosed for full details and booking information.

We would love to see you there!



— THE FIRST NATIONAL —
CHRISTIAN GRANDPARENTING
 CONFERENCE 2026

Connected: God's design for grandparents. Join together with other grandparents to stand in the gap for your grandchildren, be encouraged and equipped to support your children and grandchildren.



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The National Children & Family Ministry Conference



TIME & LOCATION

03 Oct 2026, 10:30 – 16:30

Venture Conferencing, Milton Keynes Christian Centre, Strudwick Dr, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes MK6 2TG, UK



EARLY BIRD TICKET



SALE ENDS
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PRICE
£26.00
PER PERSON



ABOUT THE EVENT
National Conference for Christian Grandparents

The National Conference for Christian Grandparents is an event dedicated to empowering and equipping grandparents & spiritual grandparents and soon to be grandparents to fulfill their vital role in the spiritual upbringing of their grandchildren.

This conference offers a platform for sharing experiences, resources, and strategies to nurture faith within families.



KEY FEATURES OF THE CONFERENCE



Speakers: Hear from some of the leading voices of grandparent ministry in the UK as they share on the Biblical role of grandparents.



Practical ideas: Get some practical ideas of things you can do in your family to strengthen connections, regardless of your specific circumstances.



Networking Opportunities: Connect with other Christian grandparents to share stories, challenges, and successes.



WHY NOT ALL COME IN ONE CAR WITH OUR EARLY BIRD GROUP BOOKING

BUY 5 TICKETS FOR THE PRICE OF 4.



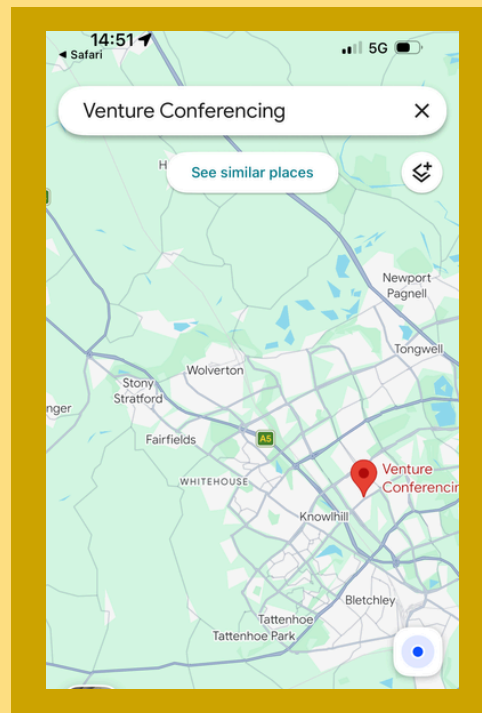
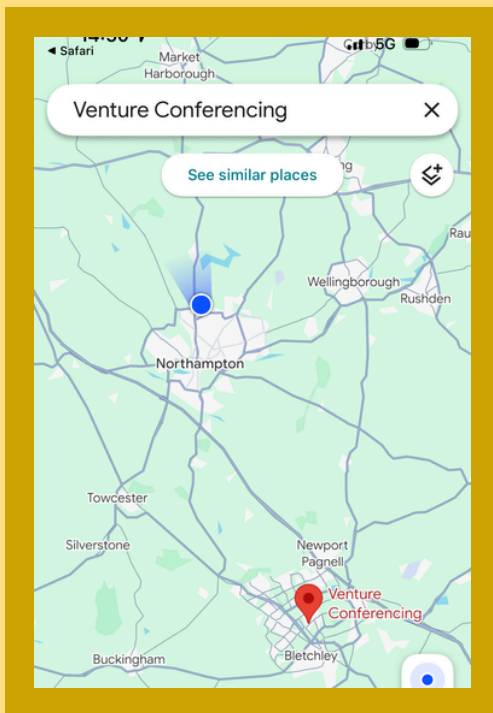
FOOD TICKET AVAILABLE TO BUY ON REGISTRATION



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♥ Together for generations.



The journey is quite simple and the location easy to find, plus there's lots of parking on site!

Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers Webinar

What do you do when grandparenting doesn't turn out as you imagined? When distance, family tensions, divorce, different beliefs, limited access, or difficult relationships make it hard to influence your grandchildren for Christ?

During May our Grandparenting Network gathered together on line to hear this encouraging and deeply practical webinar. Larry Fowler spoke honestly about the real challenges many grandparents face and offered biblical wisdom, hope, and practical ways forward. Drawing from years of ministry experience and themes from his book *Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers*, Larry reminded grandparents that even when circumstances feel painful or discouraging, God can still work through our prayers, perseverance and loving influence.

Topics he covered included:

- **How to keep hope alive when family relationships are strained**
- **Responding with grace when access to grandchildren is limited**
- **Influencing grandchildren spiritually without pressure or conflict**
- **Trusting God when adult children make different choices**
- **Practical ideas for staying connected and making an eternal difference**
- **Why grandparents should never underestimate the power of prayer**

This webinar encouraged grandparents who feel helpless, overlooked, or unsure how to continue nurturing faith across their generations. Larry's message is realistic rather than simplistic. Barriers are real, but they do not have to have the final word.

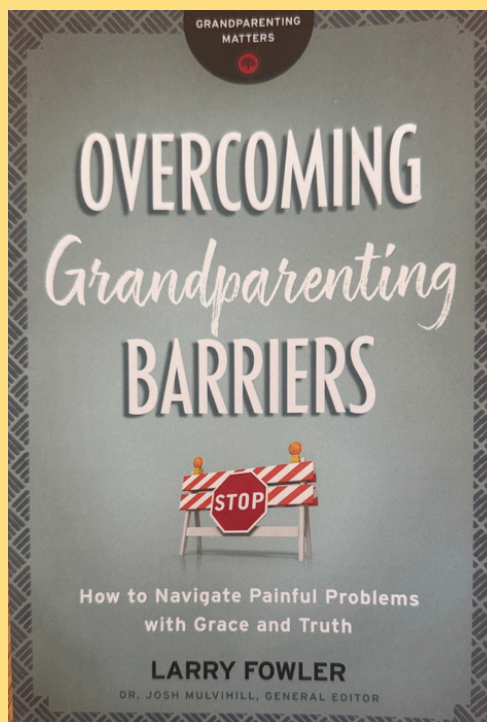
If you missed this event or would like to listen to it again then here are the links below.

The webinar was recorded on 20th May 2026 by Children Can.

Overcoming Grandparenting Barriers – YouTube Webinar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gQ9PpItOSk>

or visit the Christian Grandparenting UK website and select Webinar.



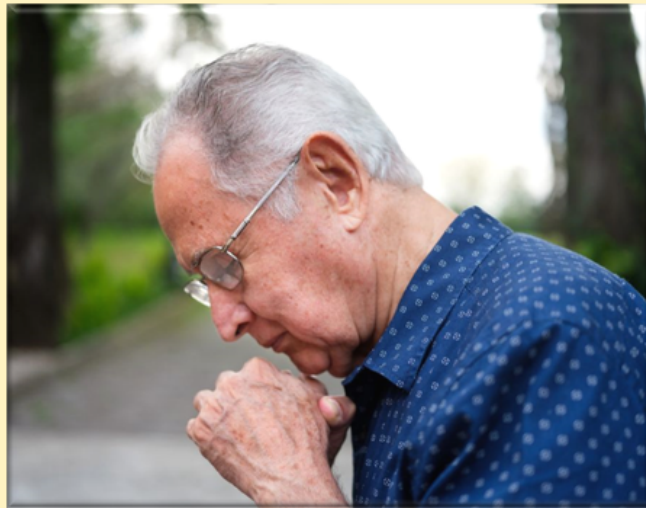
A Prayer for Grandparents and Grandchildren

Thank You for the precious gift of our grandchildren and for the privilege of being part of their lives. We bring before You all grandparents who long to encourage faith across the generations but who face barriers of distance, family tensions, separation, differing beliefs, or relationships that feel difficult or painful. Where there is disappointment, please bring hope. Where doors seem closed, help grandparents to persevere in prayer, to show grace in their words and actions, and to trust that You continue to work even when they cannot see it.

Help us remember that no circumstance is beyond Your reach and no expression of love offered in Your name is ever wasted.

Lord Jesus, we pray for our grandchildren. Surround them with Your love, protection and truth wherever they are today. Open their hearts to know You and place around them people who will reflect Your kindness and lead them towards faith. Where conversations seem difficult, create opportunities for connection. Help grandparents to remain faithful, patient and full of hope, trusting that You are writing a bigger story than we can yet see. May our prayers, our presence and our love leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Amen.



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