

TOGETHER for the Kingdom

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Germinate Easter

Germinate have a number of liturgies for:

- ◆ Easter Eve
- ◆ Easter Dawn
- ◆ School Service

Also, suggestions for Easter prayers, acclamations and readings.

Attracting Attention: The Easter Discovery Trail



Trebulllett Methodist Chapel, just south of Launceston in Cornwall, has a small congregation of about twenty people. Several community-based activities take place in the chapel hall but we wanted to let the wider community know that the chapel is there for anybody and has a message which is as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago.

'We wanted to make it interactive and attract families so stamps and a trail leaflet were left at each display, and any child who collected all the stamps was given an Easter Story book and an Easter egg at church on Easter Day.

The school took a very active part and spent a morning following the trail. Beginning at the chapel they were introduced to the story of Easter before they visited each of the displays.

They all enjoyed the morning, agreeing that because it brought the story to life they had been inspired to ask many relevant questions.'

For more information:

<http://germinate.net/?s=easter>

50 days to let your life speak

50 days to let your life speak: a free downloadable resource for the season of Easter.

This provides seven sessions of material for a whole church to have conversation in small groups all together around worship during the season of Easter. In these small groups participants will:

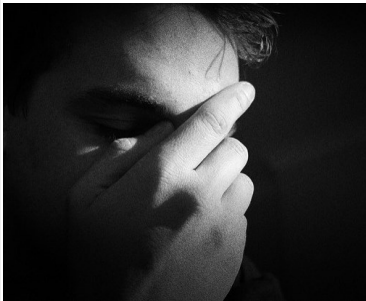
- learn a little of each other
- listen to God through different ways of praying
- practise spiritual reading of Scripture together
- commit to a risky venture of love for others during the week, which they will have the opportunity to talk about the following week.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/lent-and-easter-resources/50-days-to-let-your-life-speak/>



Mental Health Access Pack

A partnership of three organisations - Livability, The Mind and Soul Foundation and Premier Life - has recently completely updated a free resource pack about mental health.



The Mind and Soul Foundation educates, encourages and enables the church on mental health issues. Premier Life covers a wide range of issues on health

and life. Livability works with disabled and disadvantaged people and communities across the UK. Together they have created a website and resources in response to church leaders and those who attend church, who told them they needed help and support with mental health issues.

They want to offer the Church a reliable, Christian-based resource which presents the facts on key mental health issues – all in one place. The site also points you to other trusted organisations, including Christian charities working in this field.

They hope the information you find on this site helps you to engage more effectively with mental health issues.

Check out the website:

https://www.wordonthestreets.net/Articles/533975/Mental_Health_Access.aspx

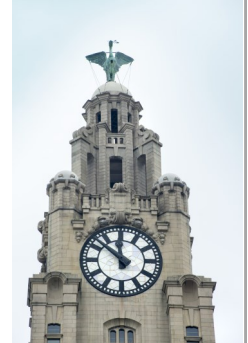


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A Bigger Difference

A Bigger Difference: Social Action and Church Growth in Liverpool

In Autumn 2018, the Church Army published a report regarding Christians in the diocese of Liverpool who are undertaking social action, enabling more people to know Jesus and pursuing more justice in the world.



Conversations with church leaders and parishioners suggest that social action can lead to both numeric and spiritual growth.

Each of the parishes had considered whether the social action activities they engage with may lead to the development of a new congregation/fresh expression of Church.

Social action led to new leaders emerging. Parishioners often had to undertake new leadership roles on social action activities. Being engaged in social action influenced the personal faith journey of parishioners. Parishioners identified other positive benefits of their personal involvement in social action, including the development of supportive friendships with other volunteers and (particularly for retired parishioners) feeling valued and being enabled to put their skills to use.

Read the full report here:

https://www.wordonthestreets.net/Articles/536098/A_Bigger_Difference.aspx

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