



GUIDE



LIVING GOD'S LOVE by

- GOING DEEPER INTO GOD
- MAKING NEW DISCIPLES
- TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

with generosity, joy, imagination and courage



REACHING NEW PEOPLE

The Reaching New People team is here to inspire and support you to create and develop worshipping communities for people who have never been or no longer come to church or who have only engaged with their local church online.

We're working with churches, parishes, benefices, teams, chaplaincies, BMO's and new digital church possibilities of all shapes and sizes across the diocese - in rural villages, market towns, new housing developments and urban areas.

So wherever you are and whatever tradition you come from, we're here to work with you to **begin new worshipping communities and to reimagine existing groups** to enable them to make new disciples of Christ and to help those people to grow in faith.

As well as a more formal, traditional service on Sunday morning, you may also be thinking about starting or nurturing your new online church, a cafe church, a messy mass, a walking group, a forest or outdoor church, an afterschool drop-in for teenagers, a breakfast group for Dads, a new group meeting in a local school or pub, a lunch club for older people or an all-age service at a different time of the week. You may have one or more of these groups already, or wanting to re-ignite or re-imagine new or existing groups to further develop the growth of faith of its members.

There are so many possibilities, but the aim is the same - to see the lives of people around you changed.

The Reaching New People team offers six types of support:

CONSULTANCY

Tailored and ongoing support for leaders by the RNP Development Officers

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

Meeting with leaders of other similar worshipping communities and learning from each other as you grow

TRAINING

Practical, interactive learning (Explore, Integrate and Engage); longer-term in depth pioneering training in collaboration with CMS and regular online resources to help you as you begin a new worshipping community and enable it to mature

COACHING

Professional training in 'Transforming Conversations' to equip you to coach and encourage others. Also one-to-one coaching with an RNP Development Officer

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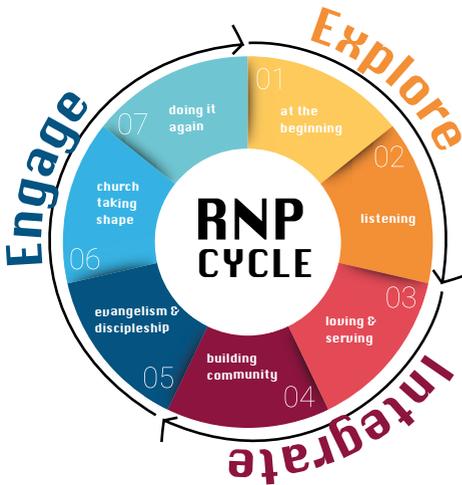
Funding for your new worshipping communities with particular emphasis on those that connect with children, young people and families.

LAY TRAINING

We offer many ways to expand your ministry team through lay training:- Foundations for Ministry, Lay Leaders of Worship, CMS Pioneer Enabler course, Reader Training and Pioneer Reader Training. For more information on any of these contact Rev Phil Bryson.

THE RNP DEVELOPMENT CYCLE

We've drawn up a simple cycle to map the development of worshipping communities.



You may be taking the first steps in listening to the people around you and understanding how you might be able to work together to meet their needs; you may be gathering together a new group around a shared interest; you may be well on the way with building a real sense of community (both online or in-person) or you may be trying to figure out how you encourage those in your group to grow in their faith and to develop a pattern of prayer, worship and celebration of the sacraments.

Wherever you are on this journey we offer the opportunity to track your progress and set some achievable goals. The RNP Development Cycle illustrates the stages of development of a worshipping community from 1 (at the beginning) to 7 (doing it again). We've also based our 'Explore', 'Integrate' and 'Engage' training around these stages of development.

The pandemic of 2020/2021 has caused all of us to re-imagine our in-person and our new online worshipping communities. In our individual contexts we will be having to discuss, reflect and think through all that has happened and the impact this has had on our churches and local communities. The RNP and Flourishing Churches Teams have drawn together some resources - Mission Recovery and Re-Igniting Vision to help you think these issues through and help you make progress in the initial stages of this journey - 'listening', 'loving and serving', and 'building community' (see RNP Development cycle illustration), as well as helping you to make new disciples and demonstrate that people are growing in faith.

The Reaching New People team is committed to enabling you to develop your worshipping communities further with renewed confidence and purpose.



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