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Making Mission Possible

# LEADING EVANGELISM

ONLINE LEARNING HUB

An exciting  
opportunity to  
develop the ministry  
of evangelism in your  
church(es)

# An Exciting Opportunity...

## Good News

God's grace abounds, his love is constant, and his desire for all people to flourish through his Son is unwavering. People are coming to faith daily across the UK, and most of them do so because someone they know demonstrates and shares their faith with them.

## What Is It?

A great opportunity to learn together with other leaders and teams about how to nurture the ministry of evangelism in your church(es).

It draws on the experience and research of CPAS over many years, and is applicable across the theological traditions.

It will not tell you the 'right' way of doing evangelism—it will be up to you to work out what that means in your own context.

## Why do it?

We are living in a post-Christendom, post-Covid world, where:

- The majority of our nation are either non-churched or de-churched.
- Most young people are fourth generation non-church going.
- The erosion of the Christian story in public life is extensive.
- 40% of our churches have no one under the age of 16 on a Sunday

And yet there are reports of renewed interest, a 'quiet revival', young people coming to faith in Jesus, which means:

- We have a great opportunity to proclaim afresh the gospel to this generation.
- We have seen an increase in openness to spiritual conversations, and a desire for connection.
- We are all reflecting on exactly how we minister in our constantly changing world.

## What is the commitment?

You would be committing to :

- Gathering as a small team (senior leader plus 2-5 others)
- Meeting as a hub online once a term (Saturdays 9.45am-3.30pm).
- Meeting as a hub online one evening per term (7.30-9.30pm).

- Meeting as your core group roughly every six weeks in between.
- Being willing to learn and apply that learning in your own context.
- Signing up to all eight sessions (four days and four evenings) across a 14 month period.

## The Outcomes?

The aim is for churches to have:

- Embedded four spiritual practices relevant to evangelism into their communal life.
- Created several pathways for people to come to faith.
- Increased PCC time and proportion of budget spent on evangelism.
- Constructed and led worship and other activities in a way that encourages evangelism.
- Stories of people of all ages who have come to faith in Christ.
- Experienced collegiality amongst other churches and congregations.

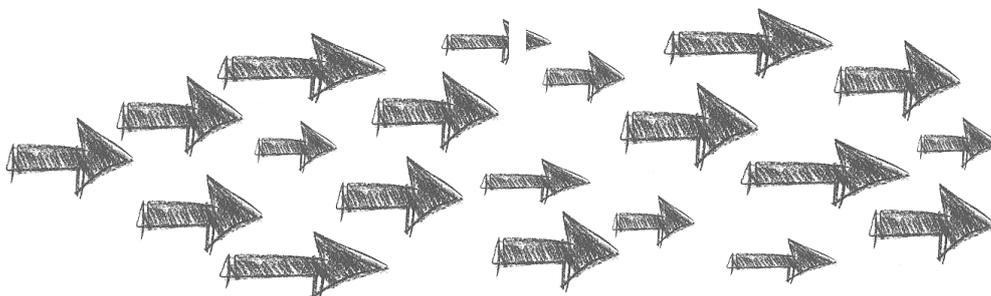
## The Cost?

Through generous donations, CPAS is able to subsidise the Hub, so the cost per group is £390, which includes all materials and facilitation.

## Is There Any Reason Why We Shouldn't Do It?

It is unlikely to be the right time to begin this journey if:

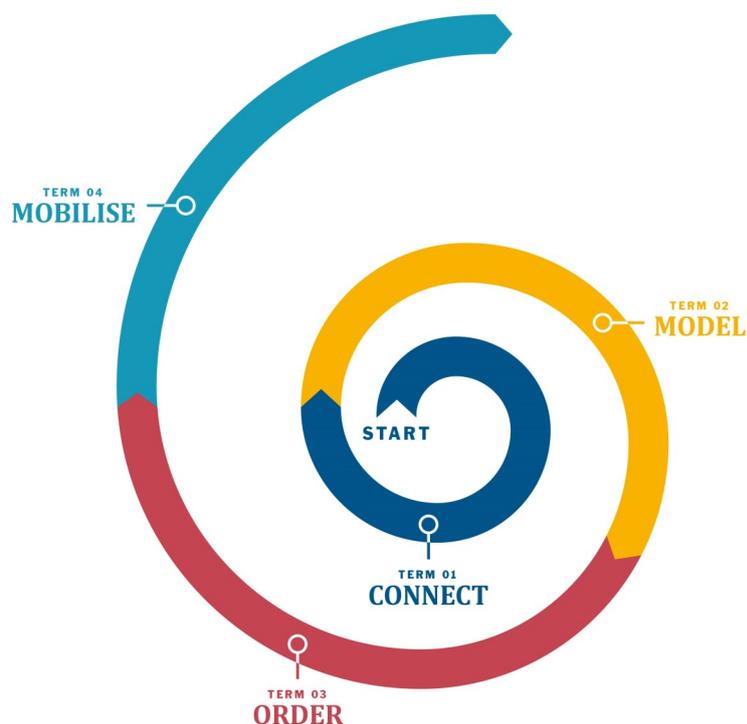
- Your incumbent is moving on or taking a sabbatical within the next two years.
- You can't identify 2-5 other people to join.
- You are involved in another major project that is consuming all the time, energy and attention of yourself and other key leaders.
- There is significant conflict within your church.



## When is it?

All sessions are online, interactive, informative, fun and engaging.

<b>SESSION 1</b> Saturday Day	<b>CONNECT</b> Evangelism involves connecting with God and what he is doing, connecting with the vocation of the Church, connecting with people and where they are at, and connecting the gospel to contemporary culture.
<b>SESSION 2</b> Midweek Evening	<b>CONNECT</b> An opportunity to further explore our theme for the term, connect, and review your progress, and revise future plans.
<b>SESSION 3</b> Saturday Day	<b>MODEL</b> We can't ask others to do what we are not doing ourselves, so in this session we explore our own faith sharing, and particularly look at the responsibilities of those in leadership when it comes to evangelism.
<b>SESSION 4</b> Midweek Evening	<b>MODEL</b> An opportunity to further explore our theme for the term, model, and review your progress, and revise future plans.
<b>SESSION 5</b> Saturday Day	<b>ORDER</b> Church leadership is about ordering a community around the person of Jesus and the priorities of his kingdom. We'll explore how to shape an evangelistic culture and discern an appropriate way forward for the ministry of evangelism in your context.
<b>SESSION 6</b> Midweek Evening	<b>ORDER</b> An opportunity to further explore our theme for the term, order, and review your progress, and revise future plans.
<b>SESSION 7</b> Saturday Day	<b>MOBILISE</b> Evangelism is a body ministry in which everyone has a part to play and we need everyone to play their part. Those in leadership enable this to happen by equipping people to share their faith in their everyday lives, and identifying, equipping and releasing evangelists and pioneers.
<b>SESSION 8</b> Midweek Evening	<b>MOBILISE</b> An opportunity to further explore our theme for the term, mobilise, and review your progress, revise future plans and bring the hub to a close.



## Why a Group?

The Leading Evangelism Learning Hub is designed for an incumbent and 2-5 other people from their churches or congregations to attend. Deep and lasting change is more likely to occur in the life of a congregation or church when several people share a learning experience together.

You don't need to be an expert evangelist or feel very confident about sharing your faith. We are looking for individuals who believe that sharing faith is a vital part of church life and who want to help their church or congregation improve in this area.

You should have the time and energy to attend all sessions and participate in some group meetings between sessions. It is also important to be open to learning and growing in your own experience of sharing the faith, and ideally, to be around for at least the next two years (as much as anyone can predict).

If you have any questions, please chat with the person who invited you to consider joining the Hub group. And make sure to take some time to pray about this opportunity.



## What Others Have Said

'Getting involved in the Hub has been brilliant, because it's given us tools that people can put into practice in their daily lives. We're beginning to see the fruit in the patterns and lifestyle of the people of St Michael's.'

Revd David Brown, Vicar, Coventry Diocese

'It's been so enlightening to have support and structures to help me learn how to be courageous and bold in speaking about my faith.'

Lou Thomas, Operations Assistant, St Michael's Church

'I am incredibly pleased to be involved in the Hub, and can already see the practical implications having a real impact on how people at St John's are growing in confidence when it comes to sharing their faith.'

Father Stephen Parker, Vicar, Coventry Diocese

## What Should I Do Now?

- Pray about whether it's right for you to join this exciting journey now.
- Talk with your church leader about your involvement.
- Once you've agreed to be part of your Hub group your leader will sign your church up and you will receive an invitation to book in from CPAS. Please act on this straight away as this enables us to get important information directly to you.

## For More Information

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