

Mission and Evangelism Ideas

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| 1 | Partner with Age UK | <p>Visit people who have been identified through Age UK as lonely and isolated in our villages.</p> <p>Sign up for the Good Neighbour Scheme which is a database of people who can do small tasks to help others like changing a lightbulb.</p> <p>Contact Lisa Holmes at Age UK on 01305 269444</p> |
| 2 | Practical service | <p>Offer home cooked meals for a period of time, at no cost, to people who have just had a baby, come home from an operation, suffered a bereavement or had some other urgent problem.</p> <p>Volunteer to coordinate this for their own village or for the whole team.</p> |
| 3 | Welcome Wagon | <p>To visit people who move to the area with a welcome booklet, information about the church, goodies and perhaps vouchers to local trades people/shops. People can be identified and visited but service can also be advertised so that people can claim their welcome pack if they have been missed.</p> |
| 4 | Church hotline | <p>Volunteers to man a phone line offering care and support to people in the Melbury Team. Volunteers to receive the Lay Pastoral Carers training.</p> |
| 5 | Prayer group | <p>To start a prayer group which meets once a week to pray for the faith and practical needs of the community. To display a prayer box somewhere in the village where people can post their prayer requests knowing they will be prayed through every week and help received if requested.</p> |
| 6 | Personal testimonies | <p>To display the personal testimonies of Christians in the village inside the local church. To put personal testimonies in the Chimes and Herald or to do a leaflet that can be put through doors with testimonies of Christians in the team. (What difference does being a Christian make to me?) To offer free copies of the Bible and good quality leaflets in the church for people to pick up.</p> |
| 7 | Messy Church | <p>To volunteer to help at Messy Church. Messy Church is an outreach to families and involves fun, food and presentation based on a Bible story. One team helps when Messy Church is in Maiden Newton and the another team helps when it is in Corscombe. Volunteers are particularly needed for the Corscombe team. If you would like to know more please call, Sheelagh Rennie.</p> |
| 8 | World Mission | <p>To take a lead in supplying up to date information to all the churches in the team about our link with Ezo diocese in Sudan.</p> <p>To put up an information board in each of the churches and keep them updated.</p> |
| 9 | Alpha | <p>To organise an Alpha course for the village or team. Alpha is a relaxed, hospitable way to explore questions of faith and the meaning of life.</p> |
| 10 | Run a bereavement Group | <p>Volunteer needed who has experienced bereavement, to facilitate a group for anyone who has experienced a significant bereavement whether recently or many years ago and feels they would benefit from spending time in a safe environment exploring some of the issues around the grieving process.</p> <p>Training provided.</p> |

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| 11 | Marriage Course | Run The Marriage Course by Nicky and Sila Lee. This is an opportunity for any couple (whether married or living together, whether thriving or struggling) to invest in their relationship. This can be run in lots of different formats. Maybe members of the church could donate money for participants on the course to have a 'date night' voucher for a restaurant. |
| 12 | Run divorce recovery group | Volunteer from one of the churches who has experienced divorce to facilitate a group. Trained by Divorce Recovery Workshop. This could be offered within the team and further afield as there are no similar groups in this area. |