

Parish Conversations II: Evangelism – How do we help people become Christians?

Sunday 5th Feb @ 7.30pm AND Thursday 9th Feb @ 11.00am

Some starters for thought:

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'evangelism'?

How did you become a Christian? What lessons does that have for how we might help other people do so?

Why do we want people to become Christians? Does it matter that they do?

'It doesn't really matter what people believe, it's what they're like and what they do which counts' – is that right, and what would it mean for the church's mission?

What might draw people to Christianity, and how can our two churches build on that?

Why might repel people from Christianity – and what can our two churches do to counter that?

What might attract people to our two churches – and repel them? What could be done about that?

Can a church be healthy and not be growing numerically?

Would it be appropriate to set a target for growth in numbers, as do we in giving?

And to plan a strategy for numerical growth, as we might for giving (the stewardship campaign)?

There were 42 christenings in this church last year. How can we help more of those families develop their faith and be part of the church?

Do we need to do something entirely different to reach the vast majority of people in this parish – and what could that be?

Is there any way we could use the phenomenal Christmas Eve turn-out more effectively as a basis from which to make new disciples?