



CBSN: ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

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WHO I AM AND WHY THIS ROLE



CHALLENGES FACING CHURCHES

- Declining attendance at traditional services
- Small communities and few human resources
- Large/cold/expensive buildings
- Competing with other amenities
- Barriers between churches and communities
- Financial restrictions
- Expectation of permanence



IDENTIFYING AND MEETING WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

- What kind of community is it?
- What is the state of the Church?
- Who are the interested parties?
- What is the story of the Church?
- What opportunities have arisen?



DAY TO DAY

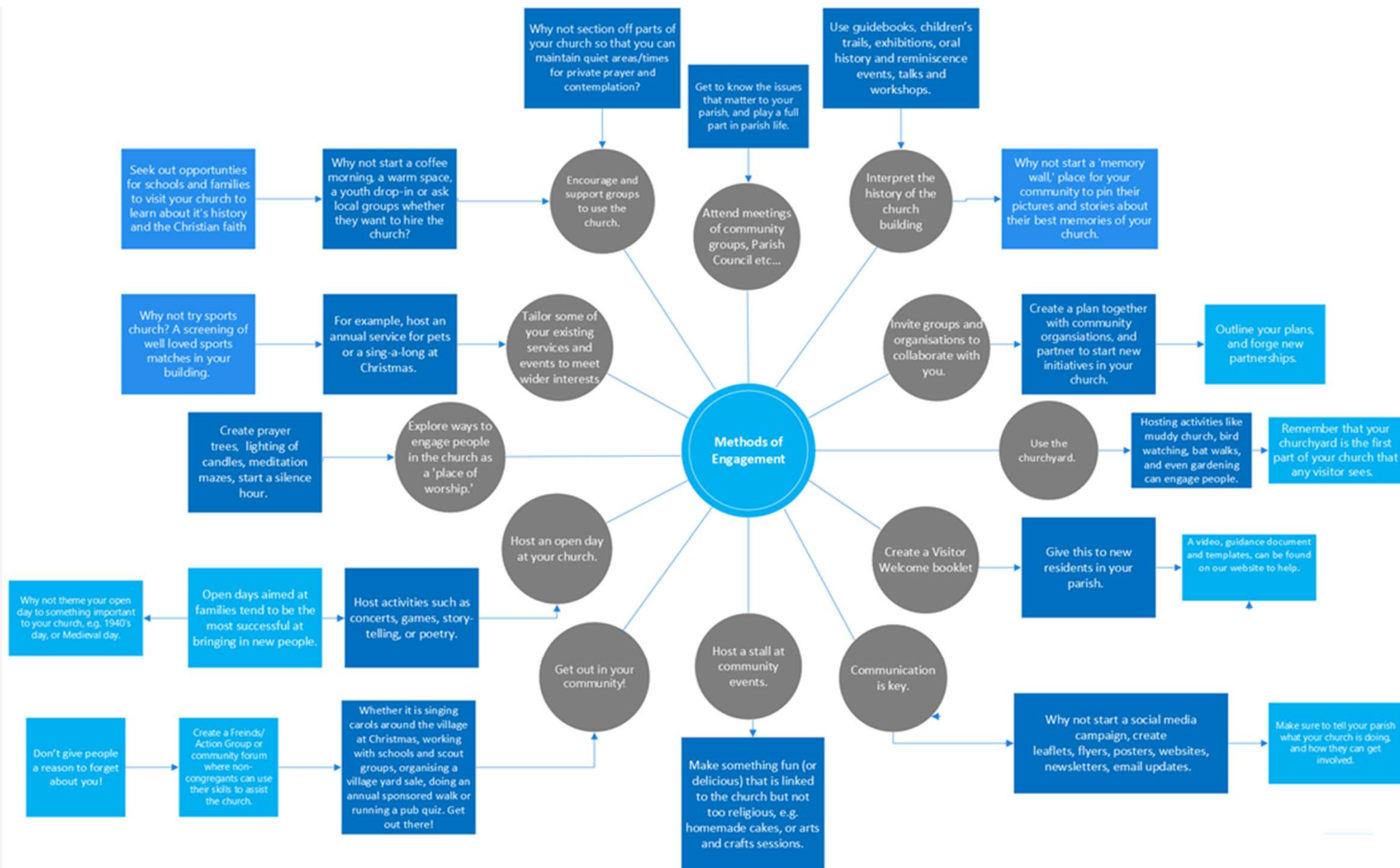
- Assisting individual churches
- Launching new projects
- Starting ECBP



ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

Consultation: the process of discussing something with someone in order to get their advice or opinion about it.

Engagement: the process of encouraging people to be interested in the work of an organisation, etc...



OUR CHURCH

Tell us your best memories

Turn over to hear more about how to share your favourite memories of St Swithin's

Complete our survey

We want to hear from you. Fill in our survey and have your say on the future of St Swithin's.

How can you help?

Do you have a passion for St Swithin's? Can you help us to maintain our village church?

EXAMPLES: OLD WESTON



ST Swithin's, Old Weston: OUR CHURCH, OUR COMMUNITY

Since at least the 11th century, a church has stood in Old Weston, with the current structure of St. Swithin's dating back to the 13th century. St. Swithin's, has been an enduring presence in Old Weston for close to a millennium.

Mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086 and serving as the final resting place for Canadian World War II veterans, the church and its

Though St Swithin's is still standing today, it is in urgent need of repair. That's why we want to hear from you. We need your help so St Swithin's can continue to serve Old Weston and witness village life!

We believe that St Swithin's is a vital part of Old Weston, but we want to ask for your thoughts, opinions, and memories. What makes St Swithin's special to you? Turn



ST SWITHIN'S, OLD WESTON



Campaign launched to save 800-year-old St James Church in Newton-in-the-Isle from closure before it's too late.

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an appeal has been launched to save a centuries-old village church from

Newton In The Isle's St James Church is facing the threat of closure

and for major repair works worries the Church Buildings Department

a campaign group has been started, asking villagers to

**EXAMPLE:
NEWTON**



EXAMPLE: WICKEN





EXAMPLE: STUNTNEY, SPALDWICK AND WOODSTON



KEEP KEYSTON CHURCH

St John the Baptist Church is Keyston's most historic asset. Can you help us to **KEEP KEYSTON CHURCH OPEN?**

THE STORY



St John the Baptist Keyston is a Grade I listed medieval church. St John's boasts 15th/16th windows, and a carved roof with intricate faces, roses, and the green man.



The church has some fine artefacts, including the incredibly rare, 15th century wooden cadaver of William de Stukeley.



For centuries, St John's has served Keyston with religious services, and community events.



Despite being beloved by Keyston residents, due to crippling building issues and an overwhelming bat population, the church is currently unable to host many services or events.

WHAT NOW?

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP KEYSTON CHURCH ALIVE. **TURN OVERLEAF TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US.**

SEE OVERLEAF FOR MORE DETAILS.
Contact: DAC@elydiocese.org.

ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

- Leaflets
- Social Media
- Survey
- Events
- Community Meetings

SUPPORT AND CONSULATION



**Supporting
congregations/PCC**

**Establishing
Friends/Action
Groups**



Advice

**Reporting on
Outcomes**

**Making cross-
Diocese
connections**

NEW APPROACHES

Are there new initiatives to be explored?

Community

Could a community group use the space?

Commercial

Are there opportunities for commercial partnerships?

New Governance

Would the church benefit from a new form of governance?

Festival Church

Could changing the model help support Church continuation?



THANK YOU

Thank you for listening.

Please ask any questions you have.

First let me end with three questions:

- How do you engage with your community?
- How can you improve?
- Have you consulted, and if so, how did that go?

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