



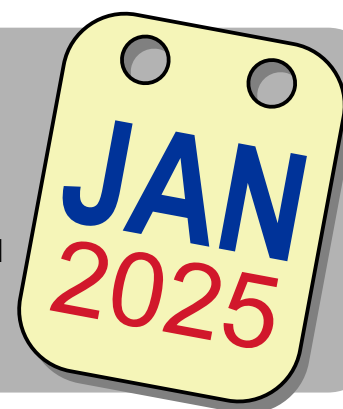
'Planning our Mission'

The time is getting closer!

Our Churches and Circuit have suffered over the last few years as we have been forced to close some buildings for good. However, a consequence is that we now have a wonderful opportunity... For a period of time we have over £1,000,000 to spend on rebuilding our part of God's kingdom. If nothing changes this money will eventually disappear - and so will our churches! If we spend the money wisely, to resource our churches, we can once again become the Christian witnesses that Jesus wants us to be.

Make sure your church is talking and planning for mission

Back in the Spring the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) set a challenge for all the Churches. Each was to come up with their **Top 3 Mission ideas** that could be put into practice in the months and years to come. Most churches now have a published Mission Plan and the idea is that these should be updated and developed by the end of 2024. Any new plans that need funding should be included. At the end January 2025 the Circuit Leadership Team will consider all of the revised Mission Plans and will make recommendations to the Circuit on how to make the most feasible plans happen. **There are still several months to get your ideas down on paper!**



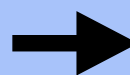
What you should be doing now...



Explaining the situation and asking your church for their mission ideas



Engaging with your community to understand their wants and needs



Discussing and **praying** over what role your church might have in supporting your community

Remember... it's very difficult to be a Christian witness in your community, unless you are seen to be relevant. The number of people who will simply turn up at your church is very small!

CHURCH PRIORITIES

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"But we're all too old!"

It is inevitable that some churches will be thinking, "we're just too old to take on new projects!" ...and to a degree that may even be true. But what we are looking for are your **ideas**. Ideas that you believe could make a positive difference to your church and witness in your community. How we resource the plans to make them happen is a different problem that we may need to address as a whole Circuit.

Between now and the end of January please meet as a church to pray, to discuss, and to agree your Top 3 priorities for mission.