



Advent visions for Evangelism:

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Stories from around the Connexion





Evangelism

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2. What can you invite people to come to?
3. How can you practise talking about your faith?



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Out and about



Radyr Methodist Church makes opportunities to get out of their building, into the community and meet new people:

- Delivering welcome boxes to people moving into new-build houses
- Delivering Christingles in a bag at Christmas.
- Distributing daffodils at Easter.

And currently, crafting 1,000 angels for delivery to neighbours on the housing estate for Christmas.



Being out and about creates relationships that form stepping stones into community

<https://radyr.org.uk/methodist/groups/out-and-about/>





Invitation

Personal invitation is the most effective form of publicity, because it involves relationship. But, what will we invite people to?



- Sharing music, poetry, stories about life.
- Hospitality in a non-church space.
- Creating a warm, supportive community for conversation and friendship.

Sofas not stages

An invitation to sit on a sofa in a busy place and have a conversation: 'Tell me about a time you were lost in wonder.'



Church Events

- Special services, such as Christingle services.
- One-off events, such as a Roger Jones musical or Children's Holiday Club





Talking about God

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WAYS TO PRACTISE
EVANGELISM
(and 40 ideas to put them into action)



Including...

- Pray
- Listen
- Have a conversation
- Be a blessing to your community

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/evangelism-growth/practise-evangelism/>

Sharing Testimony

For example, Rev Andrew Baker shares 5@5 on YouTube - 5 minutes of reflection at 5pm every Saturday
<https://www.youtube.com/@AndrewBakerMethodist>



Gaining in confidence

Practising talking about faith – at church, in house groups, with friends... or take a course with a group.

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