

How to use this planner:

This planner is designed to help you think through:

- What might be achievable for Easter 2022.
- How that fits with your existing evangelistic activities.
- How the month of mission can help stimulate the evangelistic culture in your church for the longer term.

Here are some principles to bear in mind:

- Each church is unique, you are best placed to discern the next step for your church family, it will look different in each church.
- Evangelism involves both:
 - “go and tell” - your people out there in the world witnessing to Christ, and
 - “come and see” - things you do together as church family to proclaim Jesus
- Planned missions give an opportunity to review:
 - The gifting of our people
 - The context God has placed us in.
 - The things we are already doing.

Step 1: Consider your people

- List the people who have shown leadership and/or evangelistic gifting in the life of the church.
- Supporting them in “go and tell”:
 - What do you know about their own personal mission fields (friends, family, neighbours, colleagues)?
 - How much should you encourage and support them in their own mission field vs drawing them into corporate activity?
 - Pray for wisdom and discernment.
- Recruiting them for “come and see”:
 - What sort of ministry do they seem drawn to / gifted in?
 - What support would they need if they were to take on a new area of ministry?
 - Is someone of sufficient gifting available to support them - either in your own church family or amongst your ministry networks?
 - What is the next step for developing their gifting?

Step 2: Consider your context

- People:
 - What are the different groups of people within your community?
 - Where do they meet?
 - What communal activities do they do?
 - What are some of their social needs?
 - Where do your church family already have connections with these different groups/settings?
- Places:
 - Using Google maps, decide the area you believe the Lord is calling you to witness to. Within this area look out for schools, hospitals, care homes, community centres, etc.
 - Go walking around in your neighbourhood and pop into these places / see if you can understand what goes on there.
 - Speak to your people who live locally about the habits and rhythms of the community.
- Pray the Lord will give you wisdom and discernment to consider how to connect with / serve the community, unashamedly in the name of Jesus.

Step 3: Review existing ministries

You may want to use this opportunity to look at your existing areas of ministry, and think through how evangelistic they are - we recommend Mission Minded by Peter Bolt which is on sale at 10ofthose.com to help with this review.

Step 4: Equip your church family

- Having thought through your context, your people and your existing ministries, why not review the mission ideas articles we've gathered from around the UK? These articles may help your church improve what you're already doing or spark some new ideas. Feel free to share articles with people in your church (see over):

You can navigate directly to the article you want by adding the article code to the web address, for example:
www.apassionforlife.org.uk/mi-int1

Principles for people groups by...

Social interest & need	mi-int1	Building an effective sports mission
	mi-int2	Reaching homeless
	mi-int3	Reaching addiction support groups
	mi-int4	Reaching adults with learning disabilities
	mi-int5	Reaching council estates
Lifestage	mi-lif1	Reaching children in our own families - Evangelism begins at home
	mi-lif2	Reaching 5–11 year olds
	mi-lif3	Reaching pre-school children (under 5s) and their parents
	mi-lif4	Reaching students
	mi-lif5	Reaching colleagues in the workplace
	mi-lif6	Reaching retirees
Worldview, ethnicity & gender	mi-wv1	Reaching the Iranian / Farsi Diaspora
	mi-wv2	Reaching the Muslims in your community
	mi-wv3	Engage your Muslim friends with the gospel
	mi-wv4	Reaching practising Jews
	mi-wv5	Reaching cultural Jews
	mi-wv6	Reaching non-native English speakers in your community
	mi-wv7	Reaching Jehovah's Witnesses / Mormons
	mi-wv8	Reaching feminists with the gospel
	mi-wv9	Reaching those in the LGBTQI community
	mi-wv10	Reaching 'wealthy' individuals
	mi-wv11	Sharing the Gospel with men
	mi-wv12	Reaching women with the Gospel

How to...

Grow awareness	mi-ga1	Reaching people online
	mi-ga2	Use your church website as an evangelism tool
	mi-ga3	Streamlining your website and keeping it up-to-date
	mi-ga4	Use invitations and surveys to reach your community
	mi-ga5	Why brand matters
Evangelistic preparation	mi-ep1	Equipping the church to 'go and tell'
	mi-ep2	Equip church members to organise their own events
	mi-ep3	Prepare Christians for an evangelistic interview
	mi-ep4	Follow-up an evangelistic event
	mi-ep5	Prepare an evangelistic talk
Event ideas	mi-ei1	Organise a large public event
	mi-ei2	Run an online event

mi-ei3	Run a testimony-based evangelistic event
mi-ei4	Put on an event with your neighbours
mi-ei5	Run an event in a care home setting
mi-ei6	How to organise a sports quiz
mi-ei7	How to organise a sports tournament
mi-ei8	How to organise a dialogue supper
mi-ei9	How to organise an evangelistic holiday club
mi-ei10	How to run an evangelistic pub quiz
mi-ei11	How to run a family fun day
mi-ei12	How to run a holiday at home
mi-ei13	How to organise Meetings for Better Understanding
mi-ei14	How to organise an evangelistic lunchbar
mi-ei15	How to organise an evangelistic men's breakfast
mi-ei16	How to run a debate with atheists
mi-ei17	How to run a curry night (or other food)
mi-ei18	How to run an evangelistic ceilidh
mi-ei19	How to run an evangelistic film event
mi-ei20	How to run a battle of the bands
mi-ei21	Run a Welsh/English bilingual event
mi-ei22	Run The School of Faith
mi-ei23	Run a The Conversation

Evangelistic ministries

mi-em1	Run an evangelistic toddler group
mi-em2	Run evangelistic second language English classes
mi-em3	Run a community cafe or coffee shop
mi-em4	Run a literature table outreach
mi-em5	Run a devotional drop-in

- Don't forget that in order to help people make progress in their "go and tell" ministry, a menu of personal evangelism training sessions is available at apassionforlife.org.uk/train-in-evangelism.

Step 5: Plan Easter 2022 and beyond

- Now we're thinking about the month of mission within the context of the long-term life and witness of our church family, time to make a few decisions:
 - What might be a realistically achievable goal for the month of mission?
 - What might be a prayerfully ambitious goal for the month of mission?
 - Are there other churches in our networks we might partner with?
 - What do we believe the Lord is calling us to as a church?