



God's People: prayer walk and collage board.

AIMS AND OUTCOMES

- Help participants engage with the context of their daily lives for their Christian journey
- Explore where and how God might be working in their lives
- Embed personal and corporate worship in a local context

These activities can be used by adults, young people or children, but is best done with an intergenerational group. The collage activity takes a little forward planning as pictures, newspaper items etc will need to be gathered in advance. Make sure you ask people to gather the items needed a week prior to the activity happening.

A. Prayer Walk is a chance to share stories of God's people in your area – past and present. It also had great potential for the whole church and/or parish to plan and work together.

You may do this activity in one go or it can easily be split into two sessions, covering activities one to three in the first session, then completing four to six in the second session.

RESOURCES

1. A local map.
2. Post it notes
3. Pens
4. Flip chart paper and pens
5. Tea, coffee, juice and food!

If this is a young person's or children's activity you will also need

6. Extra helpers
7. Permission slips from parents (if you're unsure about this, you can get advice from Church House: contact Sarah Acraman (sarah.acraman@truro.anglican.org)).

How to:

1. Brainstorm together all the places that are significant to the story of God's people in your area. Start with past history the move towards the present.



2. Encourage participants to talk about their own experiences of journeying with the people of God.
3. When all the places are marked on the map decide on a route.
4. Walk the route you have chosen stopping at every identified place to pray, thanking God for the past, interceding for the present and asking for God's blessing in the future.
5. When you get back to the venue, divide into small groups and spend time having a drink and some food together and sharing feedback on the experience.
6. Think about ways of documenting this activity to keep a record of the way God has been and continues to journey. with his people in your place

B. Collage Board takes a similar approach but is based indoors. Instead of a map, participants collect materials such as photographs, pictures and personal stories which are used to help tell the story of God in your place.

You will need:

- A large piece of board covered with paper, or several sheet of flipchart paper, or a roll of backing paper.
- Glue and spreaders or glue sticks
- Photographs, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, personal stories, pictures drawn by participants and any other memorabilia that reflects the activity of God's people in the area.
- Pens
- Tea, coffee, juice and food!

How to:

1. Brainstorm together all the places locally that are significant to the story of God's people locally, start with past history moving towards the present.
2. Encourage the participants to talk about their own experiences of journey with the people of God.
3. If you have a large group, divide into small groups around tables spend time having a drink/food together and share feedback on the items people have brought. If it's a small group then do this together.
4. Stick the items to the board/paper. People can write under the item any significant info that might not be immediately obvious.
5. Spend time praying together as you look at the completed work.



6. You may want to display this as a record of the way God has been and continues to journey with his people in this place or as a focus for prayer and planning in the Parish.

At the end of both these sessions think about where God has been at work in your life and take time to thank him.