Before someone walks through the doors of a church there is a wealth of ways to welcome from the outside.

OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

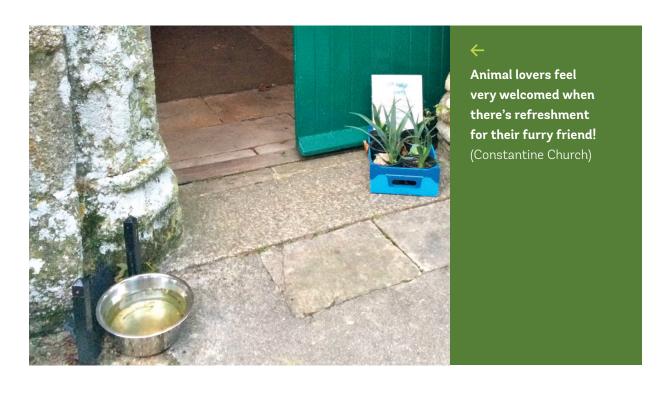
There are four areas to be considered outside: 1. Access 2. Parking 3. Signs 4. The Graveyard Before considering the suggestions, make a note of your current provision
ACCESS What do you have in place to make access easier for those with mobility issues or families with prams?
PARKING Do you have signs to help with parking?

SIGNS

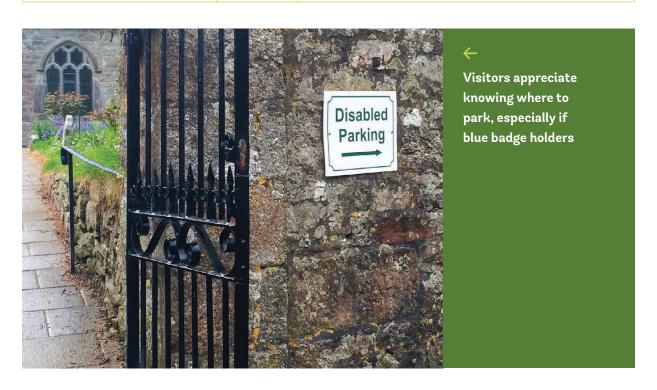
Are entrances clearly identified?		
THE CHURCHYARD	······································	
Is there a graveyard plan available and are the watering and refuse areas obvious for those v	isiting graves?	
Who is responsible/in charge of giving attention to this area?		

The following ideas are suggestions for enhancing your welcome in this area...

ACCESS	In place? (tick)	Action needed? (what, when and who)
We have wheelchair and pram access into the church.		
We provide handrails in necessary areas.		
Edges of steps are marked appropriately.		
Access routes are adequately lit.		
We have a sign to the easy- access toilet/baby changing facilities.		



PARKING	In place? (tick)	Action needed? (what, when and who)
We have parking spaces allocated for people with restricted mobility and/or young children.		
We communicate on our noticeboards, website/ A Church Near You, where safe and adequate parking is available.		
We use welcoming language such as 'Please do not park here' rather than 'No parking—offenders will be clamped'.		



SIGNS	In place? (tick)	Action needed? (what, when and who)
Signs lead people to the church from parking areas, public transport areas and walking routes.		
Signs are all appropriately lit and clearly visible.		
We signpost the nearest toilets.		
We make it clear when we are open. If locked we give contact information or key location.		



A simple arrow sign at St Keverne indicates the way in

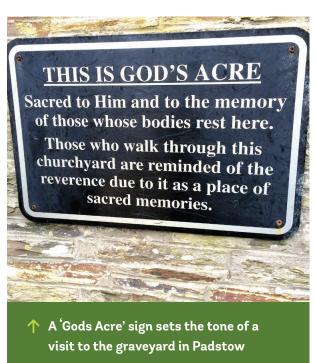


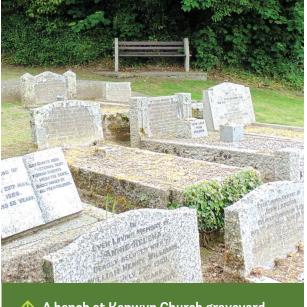
 Phillack's welcome sign is visible from the road and is easily removed at the end of the day



↑ An inexpensive sign communicates welcome

CHURCHYARD	In place? (tick)	Action needed? (what, when and who)
Grassed areas are tidy and litter free.		
We provide seating in the churchyard.		
If the path in the churchyard is uneven or slippery at time, we have a warning sign in place.		





Welcome

God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

God make the doorway of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom.



A welcome prayer on the church door at St Buryan

RESOURCES

SIGNAGE

www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/guidance-advice/making-changes-to-your-building/detailed-advice/noticeboards

CHURCHYARD

www.caringforGodsAcre.org.uk

ACCESSIBILITY

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/mission/community/equalitydiversity

FAMILY HISTORY

Facilitate visitors exploring their family history by drawing up an index to graves in the churchyard.

www.trurodiocese.org.uk/family-history

GEOCACHING

www.geocaching.com

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