

WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE: TEN TOP TIPS



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DISCOVERING GOD'S KINGDOM
GROWING THE CHURCH

Listed are just a few of the ways we can encourage people into our churches and engage with our wider communities. Support is available from the Parish Support Advisors at Church House so please do get in touch.

1 BE RELEVANT & ATTRACTIVE

Make sure the porch is clean and tidy and has relevant information on the notice boards. Visitors want up-to-date church notices and current times for services. An eye-catching display in the porch at St Columb Minor (right), is designed to make everybody feel welcome.



2 AN OPEN DOOR

Make it clear your church is open. Add some instructions on how to open the door if it is difficult.

3 PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION

This could be a simple guide to the history of the church on A4 paper, or it could be a glossy colour booklet. Visitors like to learn a little about churches when they are looking round. Welcome cards in the pews are also good (right).



5 THINK CHILD

Are children made to feel welcome in your church? Perhaps a large rug with some toys would be welcoming. Have you invited your local primary school to come and use the church for lessons? Have you got a family trail for children to do in your church? The Parish Support Advisors are on hand to help you with this.

6 PRAYER & REFLECTION

Have you made a space for quiet reflection and prayer? This can be done easily with a prayer tree or by providing prayers on cards to help people to pray. It is also a good idea to have some seating in this area.



7 REFRESHMENTS

If your church is near footpaths, you might want to provide drinks and snacks for weary walkers.

8 VISITORS' BOOK

It is lovely to read comments from people and discover where they have come from. Take note of their comments too and be encouraged.

9 THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Are there areas of your churchyard which could be made more welcoming? St Mawgan in Meneage have created a wonderful Living Churchyard complete with colourful leaflet (right) to help families engage with wildlife. The result is a lovely wild space for visitors, schools and community groups to enjoy.



10 SEATING

Encourage people to stop and take a few minutes to relax in the peaceful setting by adding a bench.