

Helping churches and neighbourhoods and communities to flourish

About Us

Areas of work

News





Declining
Incomes

Mental health
challenges

Weak labour
rights

Rising energy
bills

Increased cost
of living

Welfare reform

Housing crisis

Increased health
inequalities

Public service
cuts

Isolation and
loneliness

Benefit cuts



DISCUSSION 1

- What does this look like where you are?
- What are the biggest challenges facing your local community?



Cost of Living Crisis: 6 useful church responses

1. Speak Up
2. Listen
3. Give
4. Repair dignity, hope
and choice
5. Know who else can
help
6. Build on what has
worked





DISCUSSION 2

- If 3+ others were willing to help, what would you love to do to help make your community a better, more sustainable, place to live?

Helping churches, neighbourhoods and communities to flourish

- Respond more effectively to poverty and marginalisation
 - Promote social justice, inclusion and integration
 - Including all and inspiring hope
- New partnerships
 - Churches empowered and informed to engage
 - Raised awareness and response:
 - Well being and mental health
 - Loneliness and isolation
 - Social injustice

**TOGETHER
IN SUSSEX** 



WE SEE YOU.

THE CLEWER INITIATIVE

Time to Talk
Befriending

in the heart of the community



Hear Here
Project

Mental Health and Wellbeing
Advocates



Pilot training
starting soon...



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Apply via TiS website

Mission Action Plans – TiS Review



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MAPs

- Collate and Analyse
- Gather Insight

*How might TiS support
parishes in developing their
mission and ministry?*

Diocesan Strategy?

- More Open
- More Converted to Jesus Christ
- More Generous
- More Engaged
- Engaging with community
 - *Welcome*
 - *Communications*
 - *New housing*
 - *Schools*
- Buildings
- Worship / Teaching
- Age Group
 - *Families*
 - *Youth*
 - *Young adults*
 - *30-60*
 - *Older people*

1. Proclaim [TELL] Good News of the Kingdom
2. TEACH, baptise and nurture (new) believers
3. Respond to human need by loving service [TEND]
4. TRANSFORM unjust structures of society, challenge violence, pursue peace and reconciliation
5. Strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth [TREASURE]

Mission?

- Poverty/marginalisation - lower than expected?
- Pastoral care – inside or out?
- Creation care – not common place?

Emerging themes?



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- Context - poverty
- Connection – share stories
- Learn from good practice
- Understand gaps
- Support / train
 - Community engagement;
Food poverty; Mental health
 - Buildings; Worship; Equip
Laity



DISCUSSION 3

- What, if any, of that interests or resonates with you?
- What might be useful to you, where you are?
- What might you bring to the table?