Leading in Evangelism – Created by the Church of England.

This is a great course for leaders who want a strategy on how to equip, encourage, lead and empower those in churches large and small to the task of evangelism. The course seeks to provide a framework for the community to develop a form of evangelism that is Godcentred, flexible, relevant to their size, and the community in which they dwell.

The course is free and accessed once a login is created which you can find at the following link: <u>https://leadinginevangelism.org/</u>

This is a great quote from the introduction:

In creating a resource that spans the breadth of our tradition, there will inevitably be some things that sit well and others that don't.

Talk together for a few minutes about a time when you have benefitted from learning from an unexpected source, perhaps another church tradition, another faith or from another sphere altogether.

We think the following behaviours will help participants as they progress through the material in this resource:

- **Rootedness:** Everything contained within this resource is offered to inspire, challenge and provoke your thinking - but it will be you, rooted in your context that will take it and make the best sense of it. There will be some elements that will be incredibly relevant, others less so. We encourage you to take in the content and rather than critiquing or analysing it, consider what this might mean in your setting - if there is learning, great, if it is not for you, continue on to the next part
- **Openness:** Being open to God, open to others and their ideas, both those in the videos and fellow participants; open to learning. Open to the idea of evangelisation or what God might be calling you to
- **Willingness:** Willing to examine ourselves, our thinking, our behaviours and our approach; willing to discern and to learn, willing to determine what we might need to start, continue or even stop doing

They provide a great summary of all aspects of the course in PDF form which is included here for anyone interested in finding out more. The main point is that prayer, contemplation and doing an evaluation of where you are and what your community needs is a great way to imbed evangelism into your church community. This course is recommended for anyone in leadership who does not have the confidence to lead outreach in their community. This tool will greatly assist you.

(Review by Sharron Lane)