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Growing in God in the Countryside Discernment

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AUTUMN '21 DISCERNMENT PROCESS



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1. What is the Growing in God in the Countryside Project”
2. How is it going so far?
3. Why is there a discernment process this autumn?
4. How can you help?

**WHAT WE
WILL COVER**

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Aims of this
five-year project
funded by the
national church

- Grow more new disciples in the countryside
- Grow more new disciple-making leaders
- Especially among younger and other parts of the rural population, under-represented in existing churches.



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The Project Design

WORKSTREAM 1

Establish the Lightwave Community – as a movement of small mission-focussed groups, working with parishes, across the county

WORKSTREAM 2

Find ways of helping diocesan and other county-wide culture and structures to be more supportive of rural mission



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How is it
Going?
WORKSTREAM 1



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How is it
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- The Project Team enabled/enables...

How is it
Going?
WORKSTREAM 2

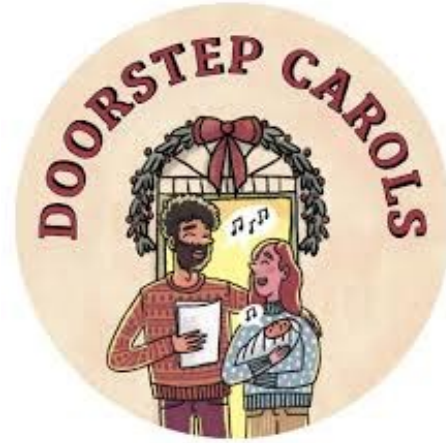


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Making Jesus visible through loving action

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- It is a key moment for setting future direction...
- Ongoing listening to God and our communities is the way for us all ...
- Prayer is central... *“Unless the Lord builds the house...”*

Why Discern
Now?



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- Pray about what God is doing in your rural benefice – Could Lightwave or Love Rural help? Contact the team and share – tel 07446 933129 / email lightwave/community@cofesuffolk.org
- Use the discernment materials on our website
 - Join the discernment afternoon on Saturday 6 November
 - www.light-wave.org/discernfuture

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What would you like to say to the project Board about the ways you are seeing God at work in Suffolk?

Please put your feedback into the chat or email it to communications@cofesuffolk.org

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