

Including older people in hybrid church

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- Setting the context
- Does digital exclude older people?
- How do we maximise older people's participation in church life and what are the limitations?



Setting the context

- What is “older”?
- How do we view older people?
- We serve, and receive



What is your church culture like?

- Recognising elderhood
- RAISE expectations: preach on seniors' value and purpose
- **Involve** as co-workers – ask for their ideas for *everything*: outreach, prayer ministry, blessing the young...
- Enable them to 'tell out' God's faithfulness.

God designed old age on purpose

To radiate His graciousness and righteousness (Proverbs 4:18), to share experiences; to tell out His works (Psalm 78, 71, 145...); to teach and encourage the younger generation (Titus, Timothy).

'...they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green...' Psalm 92: 13-14

Old age is a blessing from God

'With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation.' Psalm 91:16

'you shall go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.' Genesis 15:15



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Does digital exclude older people?

- Don't make digital assumptions
- Gentle encouragement can go a long way
- Think innovation, but keep it simple.



Making the most of our Seniors!

Do you work from home?



The phone is your friend

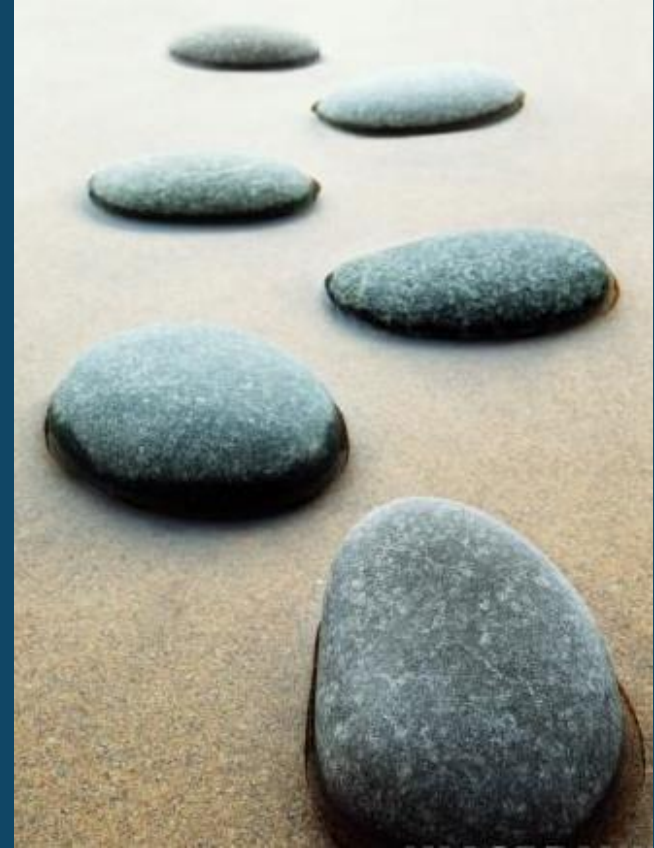


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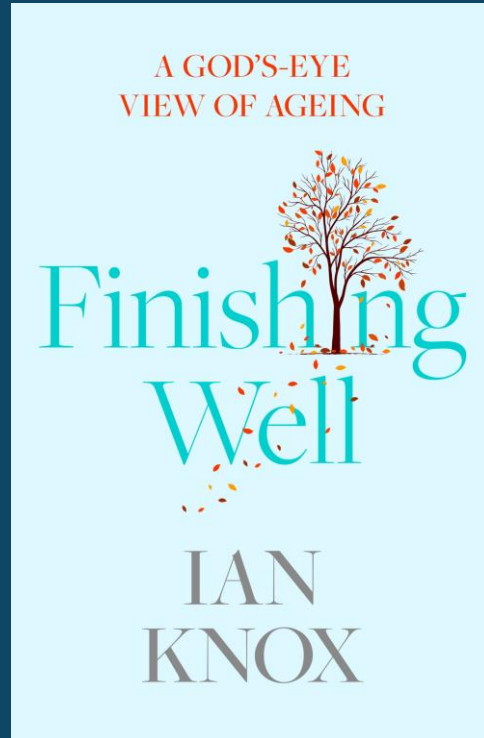
- Stay in touch
- Show older church members they are important
- Use their gifts and skills

What now?

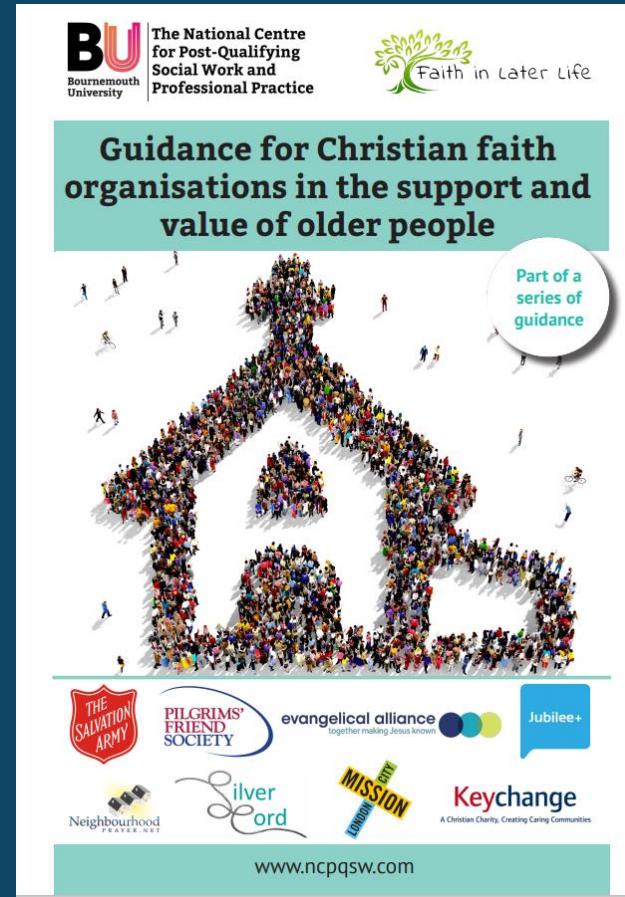
- Make a commitment
- Make a list
- Make a plan
- Make a call



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“Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you”. (Isaiah 46:4)