

Newsletter #6

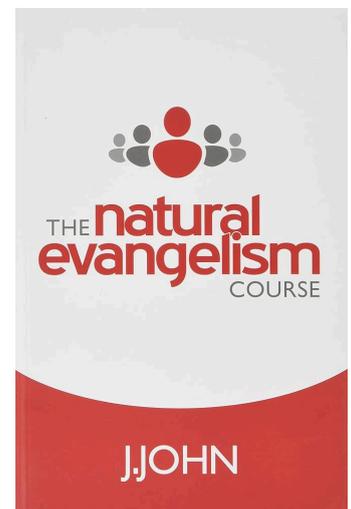
Invest in Training for Evangelism

Training our people and ourselves to be comfortable in sharing our faith is an important step in preparing for Hope25 and a life of witness to Jesus. This month we will showcase some training resources that you could use to help you get equipped for the greatest privilege we have – sharing our Hope in Jesus. These are just a taste of what is on offer and you can find more training resources here.

1. Natural Evangelism

Canon J. John is an Evangelist in the Church of England. Apart from being one of the funniest clerics you will ever hear, he is also very effective in evangelism and training others in evangelism. His book, The Natural Evangelism Course, is one that we here at Hope25 recommend.

The first reason we like it is that it is just as the title suggests, very “natural”. Evangelism becomes just an ordinary part of our Christian lives. The second thing we like is that it is very comfortably Anglican. This is a course written by a person from our strand of world Christianity. The third thing we like is that it is an accessible course for anyone to run. A busy Vicar, or an interested lay person, in a small group or as a whole church, this course is within reach.



SESSION 1: The 'Why' of Evangelism

SESSION 2: What is the Good News of Christianity?

SESSION 3: What is Friendship Evangelism?

SESSION 4: This is My Story

SESSION 5: Demonstrating the Good News

SESSION 6: How Can We Be Empowered for Evangelism?

You can purchase this book [here](#) and/or watch J. John speak about it [here](#).

2. Everyday Evangelism

Closer to home, is a course written by Dr Stephen Abbott. Steve has been an evangelist in Australia for many years and loves to help others grow in their confidence in sharing their faith with others. Steve wrote a course because of “a growing conviction that most Christians needed an introduction to their privilege and responsibility to share Jesus Christ within their daily spheres of influence.” The resulting course is called “Everyday Evangelism”.

Everyday Evangelism

A tool for creating confidence
in sharing the Christian faith

...revised edition

...Student's Manual



It is a four-session course that covers the following:

- You are wired for witness
- Sharing your story
- Getting the facts straight
- Handling tough questions

Steve has generously made the first session of the training manual available for [download free](#) from the Hope25 website. Full manuals are available for purchase. You can run the course yourself using the manual and student books. We also have videos of Steve training people in this course that you can use in your local context, [also available from the website.](#)

3. The Ripple Effect

City to City Australia has developed a new training resource called The Ripple Effect. The aim of the resource is to shift the evangelistic culture in the church for effective and sustained impact; going beyond just training people in the 'how to'. It can either be delivered by having someone lead a workshop in your church, or by using the on-line modules, and they can provide coaching and support for your church leaders.

Ripple Effect hopes you will see:

- Every person praying regularly for their friends and family
- Everyone living a life 'on mission' and ready to serve God
- Every person feeling confident to share their faith
- A welcoming and evangelistic culture that's outward facing
- A greater gospel presence in your local community
- An excitement about what God might do in your context
- Not just another course but transforming an entire church culture positively

Embracing Training Opportunities

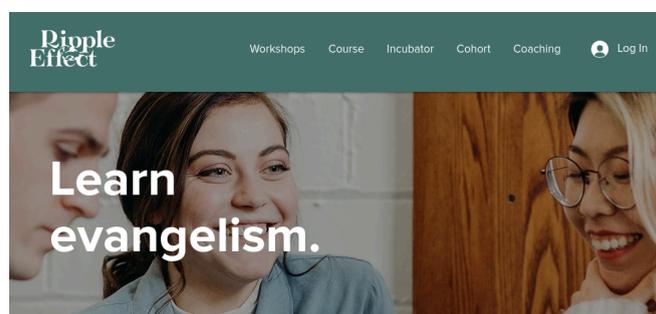
As mentioned above there are more training resources available on the website. What matters is being intentional about embracing at least one of these in preparation for Hope25. We need to equip ourselves and each other in being ready for the season of proclaiming hope.

What training will your parish do to prepare?

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What is Ripple Effect?

Ripple Effect is an evangelism program that seeks to shift the evangelistic culture in the church for effective and sustained impact; going beyond just training people in the 'how to'.

As part of the Revitalise Australia suite of programs by City to City Australia, Ripple Effect works alongside church leaders, church communities, and gifted evangelists in the congregation to foster a new season of fruitfulness and better prepare your church to proclaim the gospel!



Hope25 Parish Working Group Meeting Notes:

Individually, share a story about someone who first chatted to you about Jesus. How did God bless you through that person?

How might a training course in evangelism help us to be a blessing to others searching for hope?

Which of the evangelism training resources look most interesting for your context? (you may wish to do further research online)

What might be the next action you can take?