

Plant or Strengthen and Grow a New Congregation in Ripon Area with 'Greenhouse', starting this Autumn!

Find out if it's for you on Monday July 18, 7.30 pm on Zoom.

Church teams of lay and/or ordained people from Ripon Episcopal Area are invited to Leeds Diocese's first Greenhouse. Greenhouse is free and focussed around twice-yearly gatherings, facilitated by experienced trainers and practitioners. Small teams will engage in structured conversations and planning and receive support for their emerging or developing new congregations. This cohort of small teams will meet to share tips and learn how to be more green-fingered when it comes to planting, growing and strengthening Fresh Expressions/New Worshipping Congregations and mission projects in parish and benefice.

If you join, you will meet every November and May following an October launch and enjoy activities to help you plan your next steps on the journey to start and grow healthy congregations for new people. Your team will meet others who are also trying their hand at a New Thing. You will share advice, wisdom, tips, encouragement and prayer, a bit like gardeners on an allotment. Through the national Facebook group, you can access stories and resources from all over the country and your local facilitators will help steer you to the kind of resources you need. They offer coaching if you hit a tricky problem and check in with you to see how you are getting on. Greenhouse isn't a course, so you concentrate on your journey, your needs, your people and your hurdles or joys. You will always share your ideas and puzzles with others and this will help you sharpen your focus.

Our meeting base is at St Cuthbert's Colburn – minutes off the A1. Doors will be open from 5 pm, worship at 7 pm and finished by 9 pm.

Contact karin.shaw@leeds.anglican.org for a team application form and the Zoom link for July 18. Places in the autumn are limited. Deadline for applications is July 30.

