



'Fit 4 Purpose?' is a means of helping a church take stock of itself, to review its life and activity and see what God might be saying for the future. It is flexible, and can be used whatever the size of your church. Maybe it is time for your church to have a check up. Contact Rev. Alisdair Longwill or the WEBA office for more details.



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Introducing



Look before you leap!

A WEBA initiative helping churches
to move forward in Mission

" Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
Never rely on what you think you know.
Remember the Lord in everything you
do, and he will show you the right way."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (TEV)





Fit 4 Purpose?

Introducing 'Fit 4 Purpose?'

Today, we are regularly reminded of the benefits of healthy living. As we move towards and even beyond middle age we realise the importance of being fit, or at least, as fit as we can be.

This principle is also true for our churches. We need our churches to be 'fit' and 'healthy' — so that we can be effective for God, and thrill his heart by the way we live.

The pace of life today—is often frantic. Consequently, we are encouraged to slow down, to take time out, to reflect more.

'Fit 4 Purpose?' is designed to help you facilitate a review of where God has placed your church, and identify opportunities to maximize its impact for God's kingdom upon its surrounding community.

The whole church is involved in the 'Fit 4 Purpose?' process, together with a trained facilitator from outside the church. There are five steps, most of which take place over a three month period:

'Fit 4 Purpose?' Steps

Starters

This is the initial phase which includes:

- explaining 'Fit 4 Purpose?' to the Church
- making the decision to engage with it
- sermons, small group studies, and prayer preparation
- planning the process
- gathering information about the church and area.

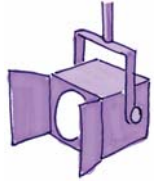


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Spotlight

This involves the facilitator meeting with the leaders and the church to consider the whole life of the church, including:

- Worship
- Fellowship
- Discipleship
- Mission
- Service
- Stewardship



Signposts

The facilitator will listen very carefully to all that is said and reflect upon the information given and will craft a report giving:

- observations
- reflections
- suggestions
- recommendations

This will be presented to the leaders and to the whole church.



Strategy

The deacons will lead the church in drawing up an action plan which will enable the church to act on the findings of the 'signpost' report:

- how to engage with the community
- how to disciple the congregation
- what might change and how



Support

The facilitator will return to offer support and advice during the 12 month period following the 'Fit 4 Purpose?' process:

- 3 month review: Where are we now?
- 12 month review: What's different?

