

The Relit programme, undertaken by 15 parishioners over an 18-week period captivated and inspired all those who took part. More than this, the process put into hearts and minds a new vision for evangelisation in the Catholic Church. Recently, Relit participants were invited to spend time with Michael Dopp, founder of the Relit Programme who had travelled from Canada.

The evening's focus was 'From Here to There' with suggestions as to how a parish might journey towards even better growth and development. Michael stressed the importance of celebrating and using everyone's skills and talents for the greater Glory of God. As a parish we need to work together, and for each other, to fulfil the mission of the Church, namely, to bring others into a relationship with Jesus Christ and through Him to God the Father.

Michael suggested ways we might move forward as a parish in the next five years: just ideas and suggestions and stories from UK Catholic parishes which are thriving because they have put evangelisation at the heart of everything they do.

Michael's talk was dynamic and engaging; full of possibilities and spiritual fervour. For those who attended it was an evening of hope and inspiration. (Margaret Corke)

Please continue to pray for the success of the parish evangelisation initiative. Last week we suggested making a novena to the Holy Spirit as part of our preparation for Pentecost. You can find more material at *Pathways to God*, where reflections by Pope Francis are offered about the vocation of lay men and women to evangelise. (He has asked for the month of May to be dedicated to this intention.) Pope Francis writes : *This month, I pray to you, Lord Jesus, for all the laity, so that they can take with enthusiasm and creativity the presence of the Church to their families and places of work. I ask you in particular for the laity who have positions of responsibility, so that they may direct the future of their institutions according to your will.*

You might also like to join the group in St Dunstan's chapel, West Hoathly, on Sundays from 5 pm, who pray for the parish and this programme.