

Could you be a champion or advocate for Changing Lives Conversations?

Most, if not all of us, lead very busy lives and sometimes just fitting in Church attendance can be a challenge. But, finding ways in which we can not only attend a Church service, but also integrate the core of our faith in our everyday life benefits us, our families and friends, everyone around us and all that we do.

Changing Lives Conversations (CLC) can be a key part of that process – helping us to find simple, small steps towards living as Christians every day of the week and not just on Sundays. The gathered life and worship of a church is a vital expression of faith, but we want to find ways of using this time together to better nurture our life of faith across the week.

Could you be a champion or advocate, to work with a group to help enable these questions to renew our approach to what it actually means to be a disciple every day- not just Sundays.

Could any of the following apply to you?

- willing to work with the CLC questions and to take them forward within your Church, congregation, school, PCC, cell or study group, etc
- have a good understanding of the script and the thinking behind it and be able to discern how it might best be used in your particular environment
- feel called to be part of this journey – you can work in pairs as Champions, if that is helpful
- comfortable talking about how your faith has and is changing your life **OR** want to become comfortable with this
- willing to use gentle persistence with clergy and Church leaders, to work towards making CLC a normal part of Church life
- accept that, to start with at least, things may move slowly, lots of us have not really considered deeply the ways in which God has and is changing our lives so realistic expectations are key
- willing to lead by example and to share a stories of their own about how God changes your life
- fully understand that not everyone has (or needs to have) a “big” story to share – it is important that we don’t inadvertently create a competitive slant on the story sharing
- using responses to the second question, to work with your church leaders to increase and build on the way in which what happens on a Sunday can better validate and support people for the rest of the week
- make sure you have permission before sharing stories (changing names where necessary) – different sorts of stories using a wide-ranging vocabulary should help more and more people feel that this is something that refers to **them**