

SMALL THINGS TO BUILD HOPE AND LEAD IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Choose one, just one, and focus on implementing it in September as part of your leadership. And if none of them appeal to you, come up with your own and please do let us know about it by emailing it to leadon@cpas.org.uk

- Find someone to thank for something they have done over the past months.
- Meet with one or two other leaders weekly for 30 minutes to share and pray with one another.
- Teach a sermon on hope from a biblical story. The preparation will do you good, and hopefully the delivery will do others good.
- At your next PCC meeting, staff or leaders meeting, ask each person to say something they are thankful for about God's character that encourages them in uncertain times.
- Identify a new doable health habit (spiritual, physical, or mental health) that will help with your own well-being over the coming months and start it now (and don't forget to share it with others to help with accountability).
- Identify a new way of communicating with the congregation or community that you are going to start in September (a weekly short video or email; set up a congregational WhatsApp group and post a verse each day/week with an encouraging comment; a monthly delivery of a letter; a new community Facebook group with a weekly prayer).
- Read a book on leading in uncertain times – our top recommendations are How to Lead When you Don't Know Where you are Going, Susan Beaumont (Roman and Littlefield), Canoeing the Mountains, Tod Bolsinger (IVP).
- Identify a small need in your community that you as a church could do something about, and then get everyone focused on making a difference to that need.
- Draw up a list of all those who haven't been a part of anything since lockdown, and make personal contact with each of them (with an enquiring how have you been spirit, not a judgemental one).
- Invest time in preparing well for your next significant leaders' meeting so that you have done everything you can to make it a good meeting.
- Add a new element to your service, be it online or physically gathered, (ideas include This Time Tomorrow, praying for roads in your community, inviting others to contribute by leading the intercessions or reading the Scriptures, if online lead from a different room/place).



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