



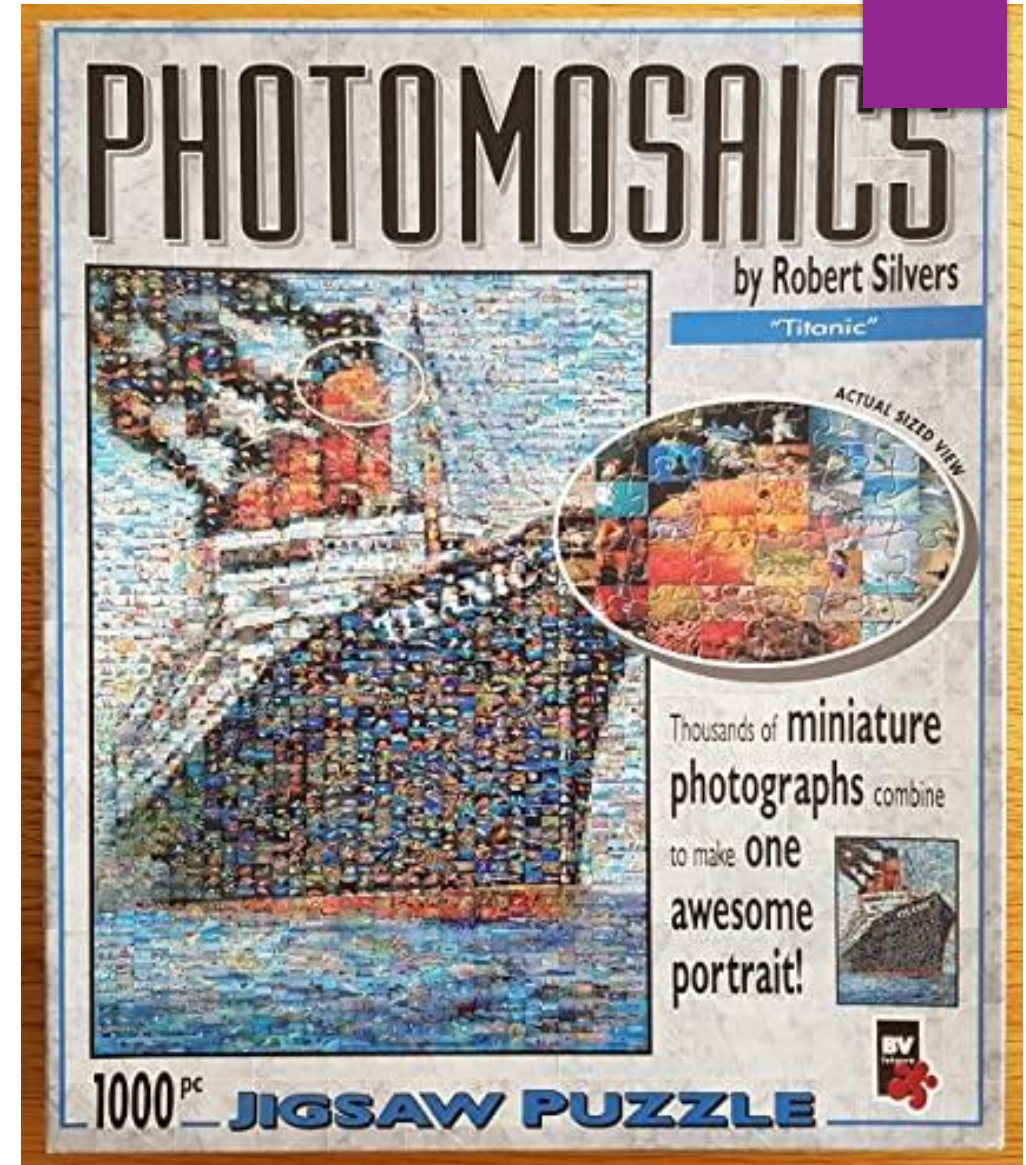
Growing Faith - in the parish

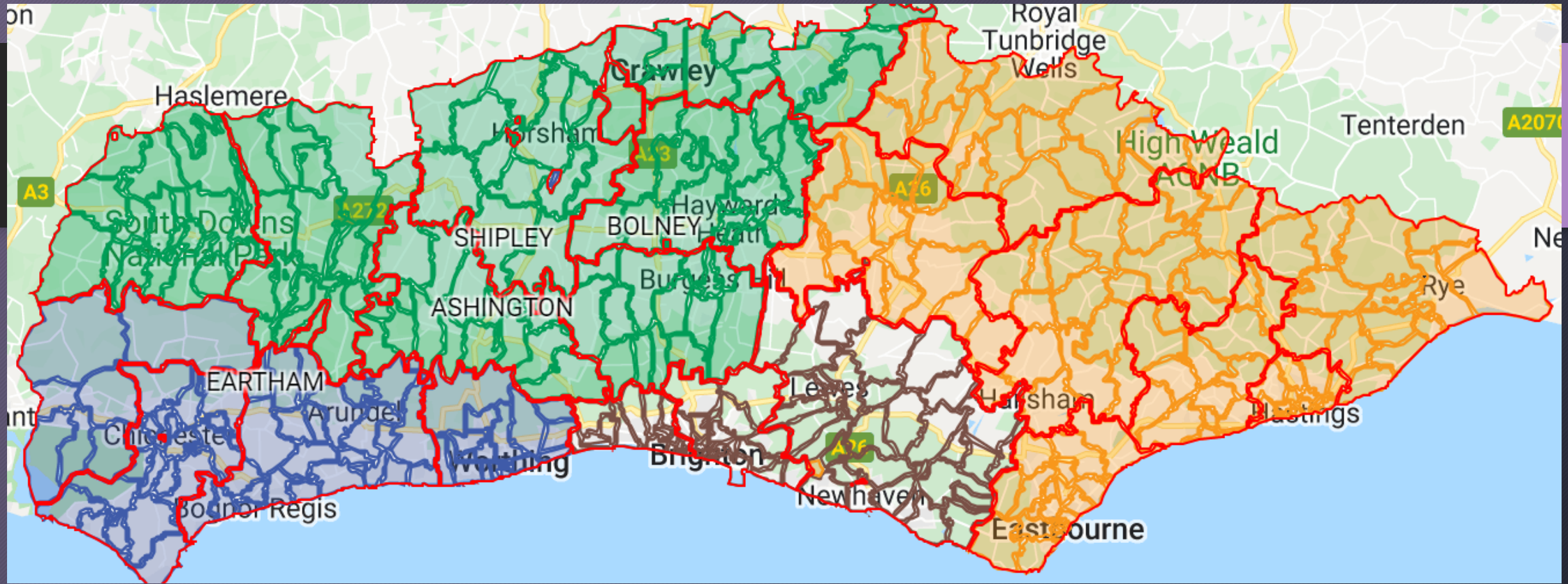
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Guess the picture....





Chichester Diocese

- 478 churches in
- 361 parishes
- Grouped into 275 Benefices
- Served by 393 clergy and employed lay leaders and 229 readers

Zechariah 8:5,6

Old men and old women will come
back to Jerusalem,
sit on benches on the streets and spin
tales,
move around safely with their canes
—a good city to grow old in.
And boys and girls will fill the public
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The Message, Eugene Peterson





Schools

Churches

Households

THE GROWING FAITH PRINCIPLES:

Connected Communities

Relationships, People, Conversations, Belonging

Spiritual Encounters

Encountering God, Noticing moments of grace

Imaginative Practices

Creating new ways of thinking, doing, exploring

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At what age would you say you came to faith?

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Age of coming to faith - Talking Jesus 2022



- From birth
- 0-4 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-14 years
- 15 - 18 years
- 19 - 24 years
- 25 - 34 years
- 35 - 44 years
- 45 - 54 years
- 55+ years
- Don't know

Dr Rebecca Nye

..... a growing body of research demonstrates that children's spirituality is not something esoteric, nor something exclusive to precocious children.

Also, it is not limited to particular religious exercises.....

What is the difference between spirituality and faith?

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Spirituality:

an innate sense of awe and wonder;
there's something or someone more
than just me

Faith:

our response to God;
making a difference to the life that we
live

What is the difference between spirituality and faith?

Spirituality:

The skeleton

Faith:

The clothes

FAITH IN THE NEXUS

How do church primary schools (in collaborations with churches and other organisations) facilitate opportunities for children's exploration of faith and spiritual life in the home?

<https://nicer.org.uk/faith-in-the-nexus>

FAITH IN THE NEXUS

The Nexus Toolkit

Resources for Home | School | Church

These resources have been created to support those who are involved with children's spiritual development and wellbeing within a Christian context.

The pdfs can be used independently or as a series of discussion sessions. Each pdf is evidenced based, drawing upon the findings of the Faith in the Nexus report. The animation and accompanying pdf are primarily for parents/guardians, helping them to support the spiritual development of their child.

FAMILY RESOURCES +

SCHOOL RESOURCES +

CHURCH RESOURCES -



Faith talk at Home (Church & School)



Bible Encounters



Spiritual Wellbeing & Leadership



Reflection Spaces



Sense of Belonging



Children's Conversations about Death (School & Church)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4vXynkkhDU>



sure foundations

children's spirituality

what it is and why it matters

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for the
mission of the
which will be welcomed
by all working in
this field."

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Rebecca Nye

Existential questions

- Aloneness
- Freedom
- The meaning of life
- Death



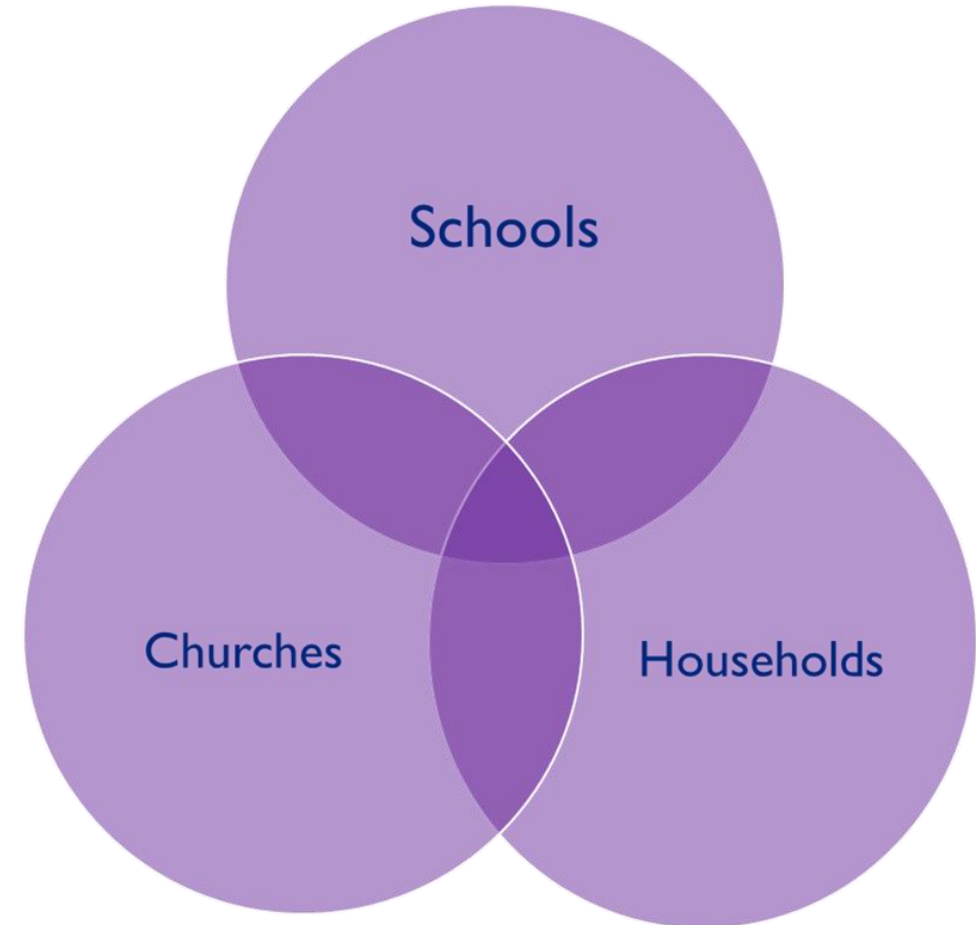
Who am I? Identity

Where do I belong?
Community/relationships

How do I make a difference? Purpose

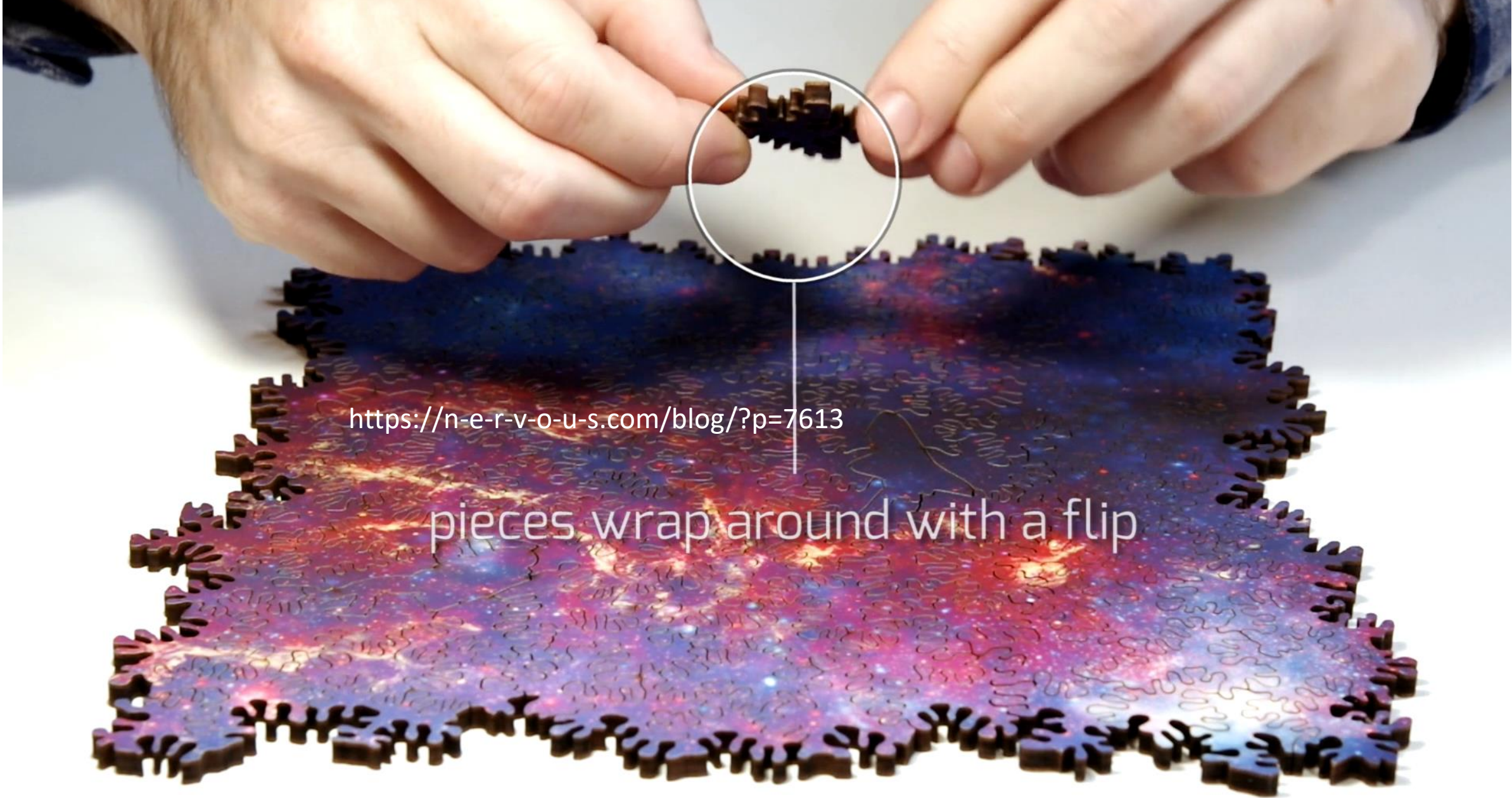
Growing Partnerships

- To support
- To learn
- To challenge
- To encourage
- To enable
- To dialogue



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

GROWING FAITH



<https://n-e-r-v-o-u-s.com/blog/?p=7613>

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ALL of us.

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What one thing might you/your parish do differently?

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