

The Teschner Lecture

**Changing patterns of evangelism
in the last Decade in the UK.**

Throw or Keep?

- **What is the real heart of the Gospel?**
- **What can be thrown out?**
- *Acts 15 Synod etc.*

Change

- **Phones**
- **Trump/Brexit**
- **Technology**

- **Church??**

1980s Evangelism

- **Big speaker**
- **Big Auditorium**
- **Big Numbers**
- **Big Effort**
- **Big Expense**

1990s Evangelism

- **Small Group**
- **Small course (Alpha, Emmaus)**
- **Small expense**

- **BUT: How do we bring them into church?**

2000 ? What is Church?

- **Traditional Sunday congregation in trad building with trad music and trad pastors?**
- **Or Small Group?**
- **Or 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name' (Mt.18.20)?**

- **Prayer? Word? Fellowship? Sacraments?**

Wie Gemeinde über sich hinauswächst

(Mission-shaped church)

Looked at what was happening

... evaluated it

... approved some of it

... recommended action

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'Mixed Economy'

Side by side

- **Traditional form of church**
- **'Fresh expressions of church'**

'Fresh Expression'

- 'a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not members of any church' *Mission-shaped church*)

3 requirements

- **A mission-centred church**
- **Adventurous volunteers**
- **Helpful church leadership**

Holy Trinity, Brompton

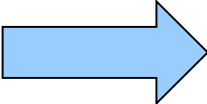
- **over 20 years - planted 60 congregations**
- **'gave away' over 1000 of congregation**
- **each plant given 55,000 euro**

Present congregation 3,500

Parish System

- **Change in Canon Law**
 - **Bishop's Mission Order**
 - 'affirm, enable, encourage and support a new mission initiative'**
- Ordain Pioneer Ministers**

Swimming Pool worship

- **Shallow end – introducing beginners to worship: noisy, easy, contemporary,**
- **Deep end – word and sacrament, meditative and open to God**
- **Shallow**  **deep via Emmaus etc.**

The Holy Spirit

- **Most plants describe themselves as 'charismatic evangelical' and emphasise centrality of prayer.**

Social Action

- **Most called a 'community church' emphasising care for neighbourhood.**
- **Many have specific areas of concern – drug addicts, ex-prisoners usw**

Leaders

- **A) Dissatisfied**
- **B) Visionary**
- **C) Hopeful**
- **D) Risk-takers**

Results

Parable of the Sower

Seed 1 – Just an idea!

Seed 2 – soon over

Seed 3 – never gets going properly

Seed 4 – Brilliant!!

30 ... 60 ... 100 times

The multiplication table of the Kingdom