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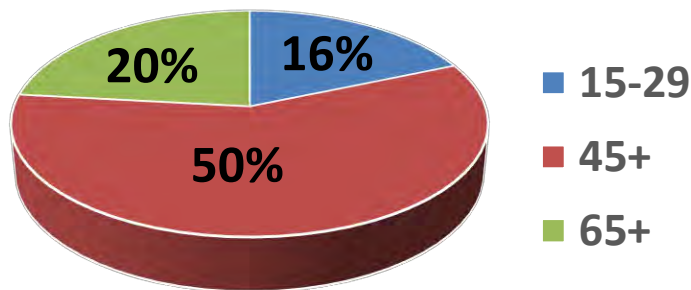
RURAL POPULATION IN ENGLAND

Rural Community: under 10,000 inhabitants (DEFRA)



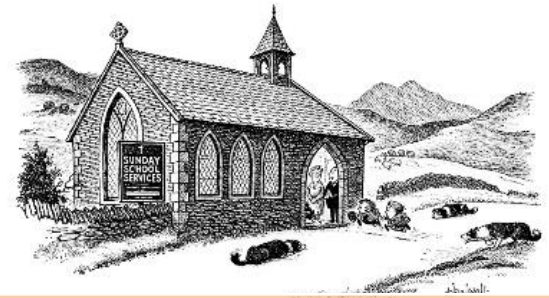
- 9.3 m – 17% population
- Grown by 6.7% in 10 years in ‘less sparse rural areas’
- Net migration to rural c. 50k p.a.

Age Distribution



- Established rural residents
 - the agricultural community
- Migrant and transient workers
- Commuters
- Second home owners
- Privacy seekers / trophy owners
- Tourists / visitors

RURAL CHURCH S.W.O.T.



Strengths

- Rural community close to nature | Creator
- Established links with local church
- Agricultural | Seasonal celebrations

Weaknesses

- Financial | Access | Network poverty
- Unsuitable church buildings
- Diminishing congregations – age

Opportunities

- Lay leadership
- Ecumenical Collaboration
- Buildings – multi-purpose
- Fresh Expressions
- “Whole Life” Mission

Threats

- Ministerial overload
- Continued population drift
- Unwillingness to change | take risks





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Keeping you up to date on what is happening at Germinate, The Arthur Rank Centre



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Affordable learning communities
for rural churches

Bring together a small team from your rural multi-church group to think, pray, plan and learn from others. Develop a shared vision and agree practical steps to respond to change and facilitate mission and growth.

Germinate Groups:

Four 2-day offsite sessions + a review and commissioning day over a 2 year period
Teams of 4-6 from a church group

- **What IS:** what God is doing in our area already
- **What COULD BE:** the God-given vision for us
- **What WILL BE:** a six-month action plan

Cost: £500 over 2 years for the whole church group

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Germinate Groups:

Our story and vision:

our journey so far – joys and challenges; where are we going?

Our context:

how has the world and our community changed – and what are the implications?

Our people:

who has God given us today; how do we nurture them?

Our structures:

structures and systems - what works well; what could work better; what needs to change?

Germinate!
new life in the countryside

The Arthur Rank Centre
www.germinate.net



Equipping for Rural Mission



Participant
Booklet

Equipping for Rural Mission

- Free downloadable
4 session programme over
6 weeks
- Session 1: **Appreciate**
- Session 2: **Investigate**
- Session 3: **Deliberate**
- Session 4: **Activate**

GERMINATE LEADERSHIP 2017

Helping lay and ordained leaders from all denominations to develop creative, entrepreneurial skills for rural church leadership.



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“I feel truly transformed by my personal experience in the programme...”

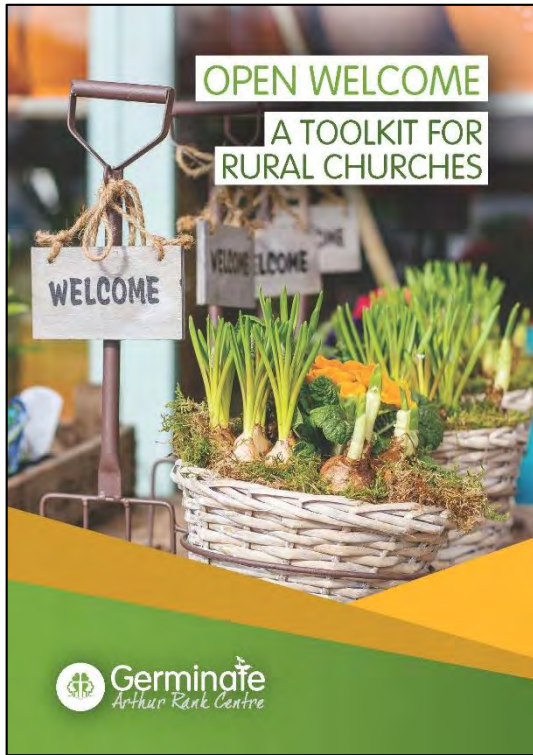
“A ‘grown-up’ leadership programme...”

“Really worthwhile”

(Participants comments)

**Programmes start every
October**

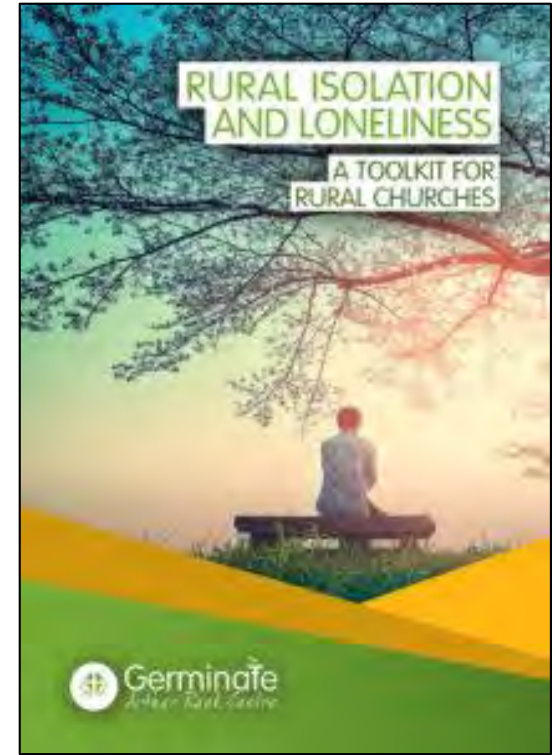
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A practical guide to open a church building as a sacred space and to provide hospitality to residents and visitors
Free to download



6-session guide to setting up a business or social enterprise.
Plus Beer Mat Mentoring programme.
Free to download



A guide to understand the impact and implement solutions to help combat rural isolation and loneliness.
Free to download

Annual Germinate Conference



Through key note speakers, case studies and workshops, Germinate Conferences explore what it means for rural Christians impact their communities

Rural Mission Sunday

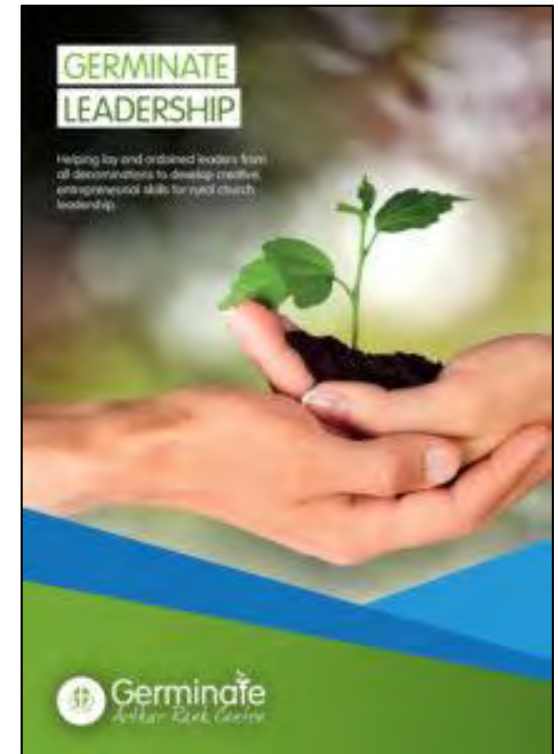


An annual event celebrating the work of small rural churches with a range of free resources to help design church services and activities

Post-Graduate Rural Studies



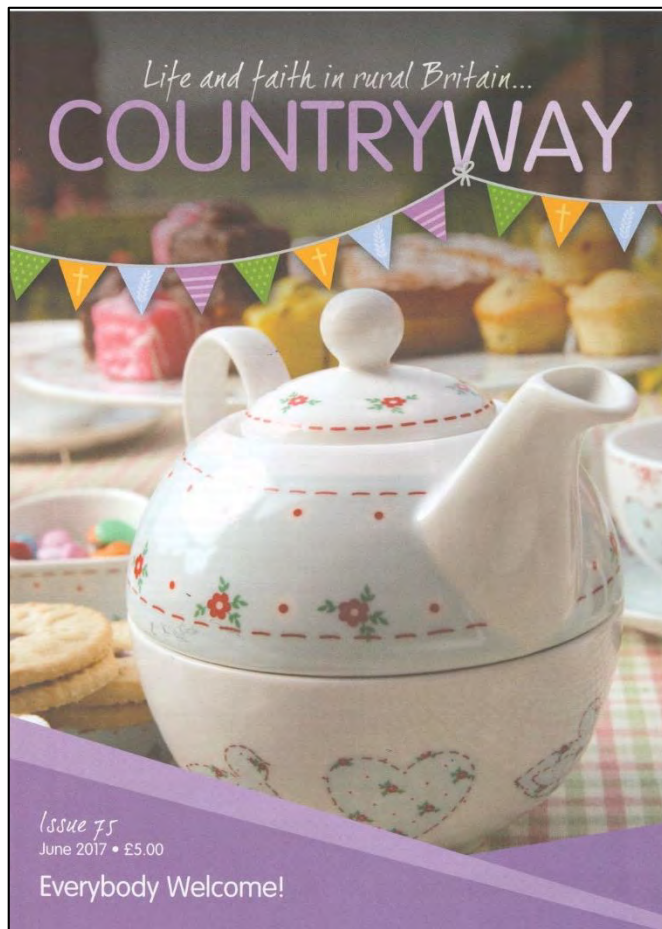
Part-time research-based reflective rural ministry programme leading to an MA in Religions, Society, and Education (Christian Education) – University of Warwick



An 18-month rural church leadership programme with 4 residentials plus mentoring and work shadowing.


Subsidised cost £1,250





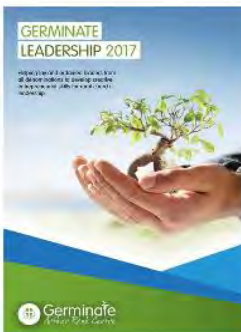
Published three times a year –
real life stories, resources and
practical support for rural
congregations and clergy

Latest rural church resources and funding



August 2017

Welcome to our wizzy new Germinate News with the latest events, resources and grants




GERMINATE LEADERSHIP 2017

New Methodist bursary for Germinate Leadership

Germinate Leadership is our 18 month personal development programme for lay and ordained rural church leaders, designed to release your creative and entrepreneurial talent.

We want to encourage participants from across denominations. We have our own bursary (open to all in need), and we're delighted that Methodist Church Discipleship & Ministries have agreed to provide bursaries so cost is not a barrier. The next programme starts in October. Full details [here](#).



Set up an enterprise group

Help your community flourish and benefit

FREE Register for full information here

£2000 GRANTS are available in some areas to help you set up a programme.

There are also grants to help you set up a community business. Click the links below.

Free monthly e-News with
latest resources, events, and
funding information



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SLOW DECLINE INTO OBSOLESCENCE.





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