



THE
**Hibiscus
Project**

Grants for projects
or activities that enable
a welcoming and
caring church



All worshipping communities can apply for grants of up to £350 to support projects that enable a welcoming and caring church.

A small fund has been dedicated to helping local worshipping communities to deliver new and existing ways of ensuring that all people, no matter what age, are able to attend, participate and engage with church life and worship.

This grant offers opportunities for supporting a wide range of projects or activities such as

- holding a party to celebrate carers in the community
- sending a member of your church on a training in welcoming a specific section of the community (ie dementia awareness, accessibility)
- starting a monthly coffee morning for people who are lonely

You can be as creative and imaginative as you like.

To apply

Tell us what you would like to do with the funding to welcome people to your church.

Make sure you get your PCC's approval before putting in the application.

To ask any questions, talk through plans and projects prior to application you can call Judith Knight, Director of Resources and Safeguarding, jknight@glosdioc.org.uk, on 01452 835526.

We'd love to hear what you did so that we can share stories and encourage others. Please do get permissions for photos to be shared through our diocesan publications, website and social media channels.



The Hibiscus Project has been developed in memory of Neil Todd.

Neil Todd was a victim of abuse and tragically took his own life in August 2012. We wish to commend his tenacity and courage and that of other victims and survivors. Neil was a nurse with a passion for caring for others. It was with this in mind that we wanted to provide a fund to support projects that care for and welcome people of all ages to engage in church life and worship.

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