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Getting connected

How good is the broadband and mobile signal in your area?

Broadband: good, Mobile: good

Fixed-line phone and broadband

If you have a phone-line in your building (or are able to have one installed) a fixed-line connection is the best solution in areas where the available copper or fibre-optic cable network offers sufficient speeds. Parish Buying has two dedicated suppliers who you can make enquiries to, and both are able to offer fixed-line phone and broadband plans for your church building.

- **Find out more**

Mobile phone contracts

In addition to our broadband suppliers, Parish Buying also has an arrangement with a dedicated mobile-phone supplier who can provide you with contracts and handsets to suit your budget and your usage needs.

- **Find out more**

Broadband: poor, Mobile: good

Wireless community broadband

Wireless broadband is often an alternative to a traditional fixed-line connection in rural or hard-to-reach areas. The infrastructure for distributing the signal can be installed on church towers or spires, subject to the granting of a faculty. Parish Buying has a number of approved suppliers who work with churches to bring faster connections to overlooked communities in this way. Successful projects can boost connectivity in your community while also providing a regular income for your church.

- **Find out more**
- **Legal considerations**

Mobile-signal broadband (for your building)

If you're in a low-speed broadband area, but with strong 4G access, you might be able to bring connectivity to your building using the mobile signal instead. We have one Parish Buying supplier offering this solution, and while the installation will still require infrastructure to be mounted on the roof of your building (and thus a faculty) it does provide a stand-alone connectivity solution with no requirement for wider community

involvement.

- **Find out more**
- **Legal considerations**

Mobile phone contracts

As well as offering numerous broadband solutions, Parish Buying also has a dedicated mobile-phone supplier who can offer you contracts and handsets to suit your call-and-data usage needs.

- **Find out more**

Broadband: good, Mobile: poor

Fixed-line phone and broadband

By far the quickest, easiest, and cheapest way to get connectivity into your building. A fixed-line connection to your local copper or fibre-optic cable network can set you up with a landline and a broadband router. Parish Buying has two dedicated suppliers who can provide quotes for fixed-line phone and broadband plans for your building.

- **Find out more**

Rural mobile coverage initiative

If your church building is in a mobile-signal 'notspot', we might be able to help change that. One of Parish Buying's trusted, long-term suppliers are pioneering a multi-church mobile-network initiative to boost mobile-signal coverage across the UK. In addition to boosting signal strength, and generating revenue for churches in return for hosting the infrastructure, our supplier has also agreed to provide church buildings with wireless internet as part of the arrangement.

- **Find out more**
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Broadband: poor, Mobile: poor

Wireless community broadband

Where fixed-line connections offer poor or unreliable speeds, wireless broadband is sometimes an alternative. Church buildings are often ideal spots to host wireless infrastructure (on towers or spires). Where there is enough demand locally, your church could help bring faster internet to the whole community, while also opening up a new revenue stream. Parish Buying has three approved suppliers who work with churches and cathedrals to distribute high-speed wireless internet to poorly provisioned areas.

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I don't know!

To get estimates for the available broadband speeds and mobile-signal coverage in your area, skip down this page to the next section.

Broadband speed/mobile signal



What broadband speeds are available to you?

A “good” broadband speed means **Ultrafast** (100 Mbps+ download speeds) or **Superfast** (24 Mbps+). But a “Standard” speed of 10–24 Mbps might also be able to meet your needs, depending on what you intend to use your connection for.

Our recommendations count anything below 10 Mbps as “poor” – although these speeds might still be officially “Standard”, they are considered by Ofcom to be below the minimum necessary speeds to cope with modern internet requirements.

The Ofcom Broadband Checker can help you estimate whether your available provision is currently good or poor:

- **View broadband availability**



How strong is your mobile signal?

To get an estimate of what strength of mobile signal is available in your area, and from which providers, use the below Ofcom Mobile Checker.

A “good” mobile signal will return a green (or “Likely to have good coverage”) result on the map. Anything less than this is unlikely to provide viable options for connectivity, and is thus considered “poor”.

- **View mobile availability**

Once you’ve found out what’s available in your area, you can find out about [getting connected](#).

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