



# Hereford Diocese One of the most rural in the CofE



#### Who we are....

- 420 Church buildings
- 12,000 Children attend one of 78 Church schools
- 90% of our buildings are either grade I or grade II listed
- The Diocese covers a geography of 1650 Sq miles spanning Herefordshire, South Shropshire and parts of Worcestershire, Monmouthshire and Powys





# How digital are we in rural areas? headlines v's reality....



### **Key facts:**

- 62 million monthly Internet users in the UK (estimated)
- 5% don't have access to the Internet in the last 12 months
- 84 million active mobile devices that's 96% of the UK adult population
- 91% of the geographic landmass of the UK has access to 4G network

[statistics reference: "Mobile phone usage stats in the UK 2020" by Mobile UK and "Internet usage across the EU", August 2020 by Statista]





# **Good Communications**Just 18 months of learning....



## Comms doesn't happen by accident

- Educate, support, advise: equipping and supporting parishes
- Mission focused: encouraging and deepening faith
- How using all our communications channels:
  - Website
  - Newsletter
  - Social Media
  - Broadcast Media (print, tv, radio & web)



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## Comms doesn't happen by accident

- Every audience is different even on each social channel:
  - Twitter
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - YouTube
  - LinkedIn
- Different audience = Different content (or it should!)



#### **Contact us**



#### Ask your diocese comms team...

We're always happy to help our churches

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