

Facebook pages for churches

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Facebook

- Making the right first impression
- Four things to consider before you post
- What to post
- How to schedule





Facebook

 2.41 billion active monthly users

 85% of internet users say they have an account

 Highest engagement rates with live video

 Useful tool for reaching local people

 1:3 use social media to research brands





Pages, profiles and groups



Profile

Your personal presence



Group

A place to share interests and communicate with each other



Page

A 'mini website' for your church

What should your church have?



Add admins and editors to your page

Go to: Your church Facebook page > Settings > Page roles

The screenshot shows the Facebook Page Settings interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options like General, Page Info, Templates and tabs, Event ticketing, Notifications, Advanced messaging, Facebook badges, Page roles (highlighted), Groups, People and other Pages, Preferred Page Audience, Issue, electoral or political ads, Branded content, Instagram, and WhatsApp. The main content area is titled 'Page roles' and includes a description: 'Everyone who works on your Page can have a different role depending on what they need to work on. Learn more'. Below this are sections for 'Assign a new Page role', 'Page owner', 'Agencies', and 'Existing Page roles', each with a 'Jump to Section' link. At the bottom, there is a section 'Assign a new Page role' with a text input field 'Type a name or email address', an 'Editor' dropdown menu, and an 'Add' button. A detailed description of the role is provided below the input field.

Add admins and editors

- Insert the email address of the profile you would like to invite to edit your page
- Select the role from the dropdown menu
- Click Add

Page roles

- Admins: All access and control of your page
- Editors: Can post, schedule, and fulfil day to day activity of your page. Cannot add other editors
- Moderators: Can moderate posts by replying, commenting, etc.



Your first impression

What do you want your first impression to be?

Profile picture logo

See The Light
Christmas at St Peter's
18th – 25th December 2020

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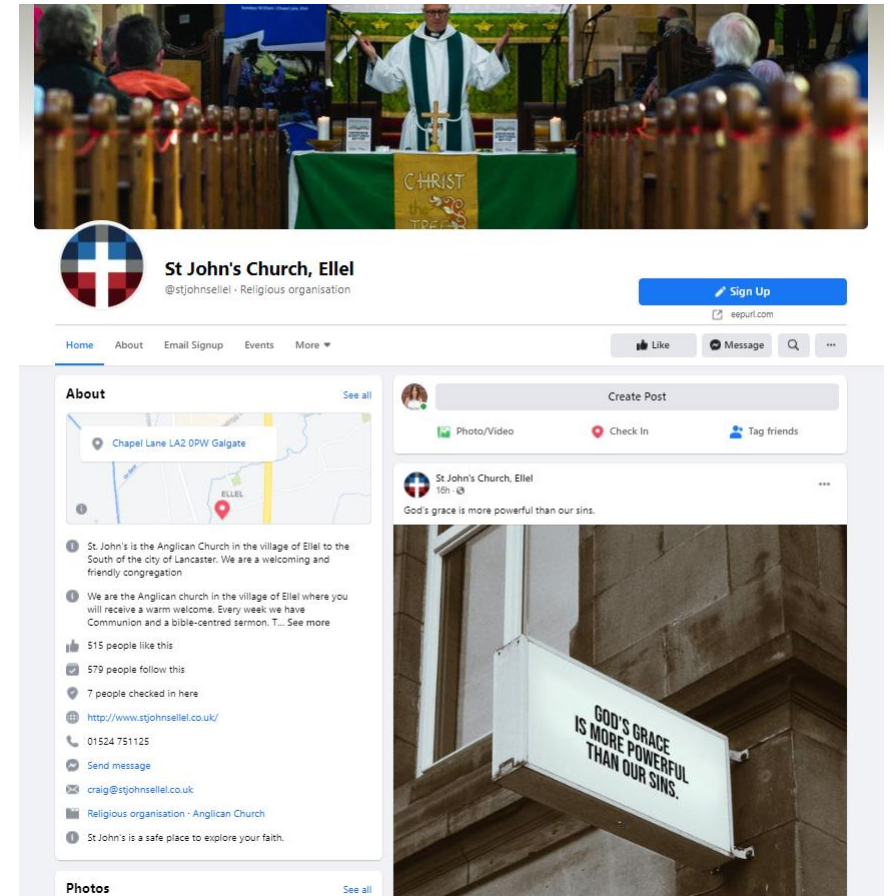
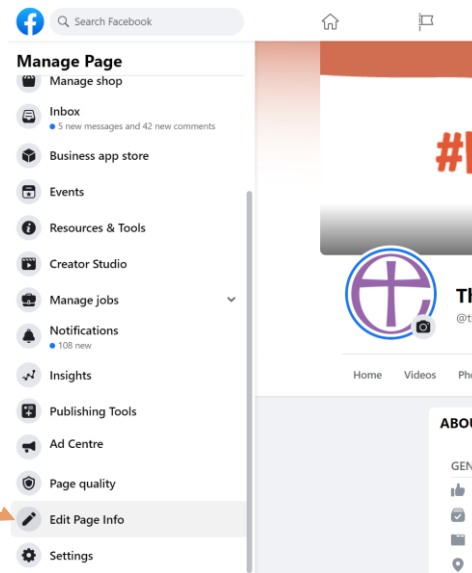
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Are your page details up to date?

Go to: Your church Facebook page > Edit page info

- ✓ Create a username
- ✓ Contact details
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Address
- ✓ About
- ✓ Add a button
- ✓ Social media channels





Posting to your newsfeed



Who are we speaking to



What are we posting about



How will we do it



When is the best time





Who are we speaking to?



Who makes up your community?



Who lives and works in the area around your church – these are the people who you may meet online!

Having a clear idea of who you are speaking to will frame how you speak, the language you use, the stories you share, the images you choose, the topics you elevate





What to post

Answer questions
What do we believe?

Share faith
Prayers and reflections
Use campaign materials

Invite to
events and services
Access free resources in the
ACNY Resource Hub

How can we add value
to our community?

Raise awareness
with news
and stories

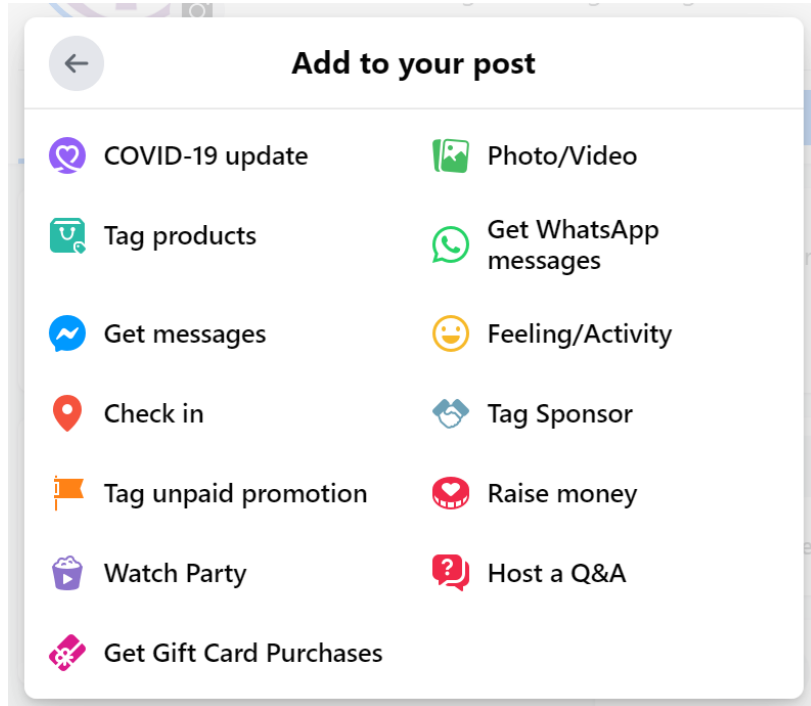
Get to know your
community
Ask questions!

80:20 content rule
80% conversational
20% broadcast

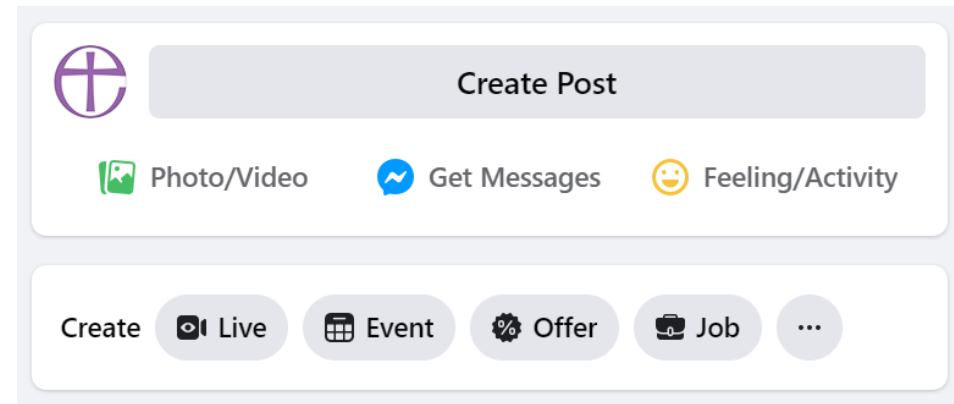




How to post



What medium compliments what I'm trying to say to my audience?



Try going live, creating an event, posting a video or writing a post





Best practice when posting

Location

Help people find you

Call to action

What could readers do next?
Add a link at the end



Caption

Question

Use paragraphs

First line

Tell a story

Image or video

People

Use colour to stand out

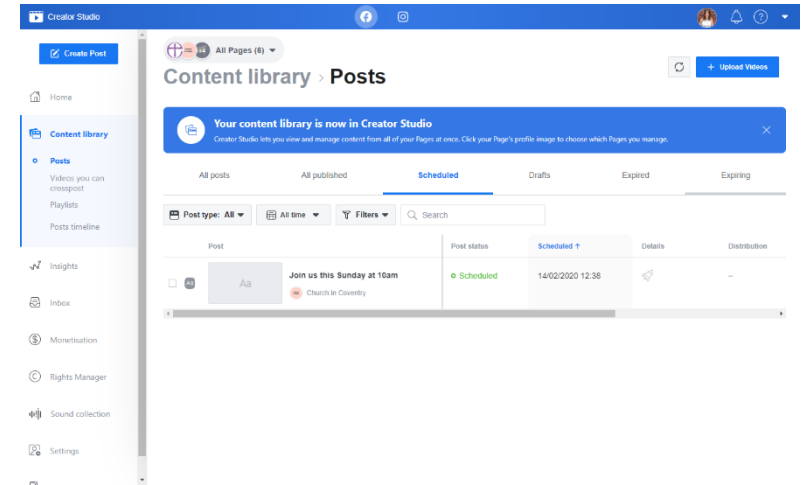
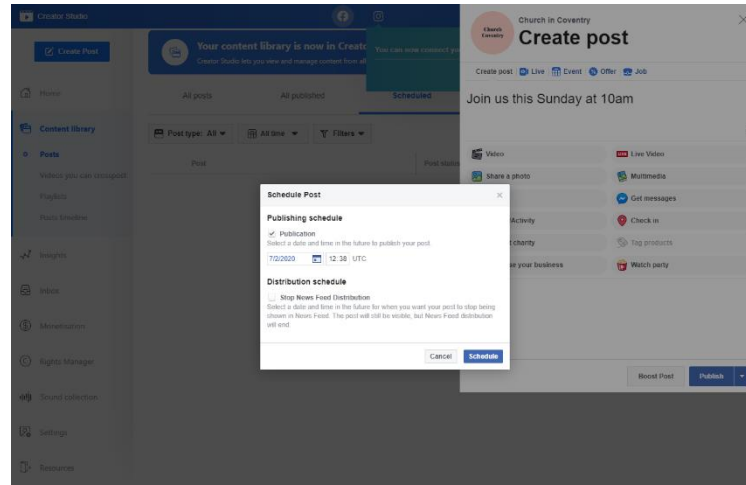
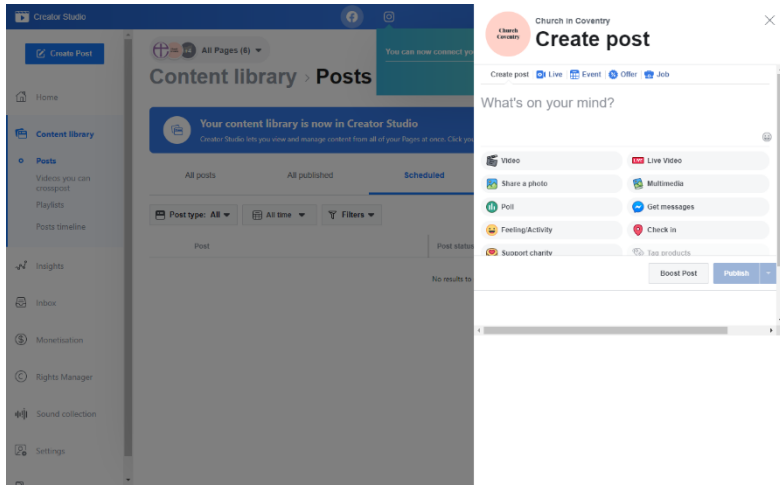
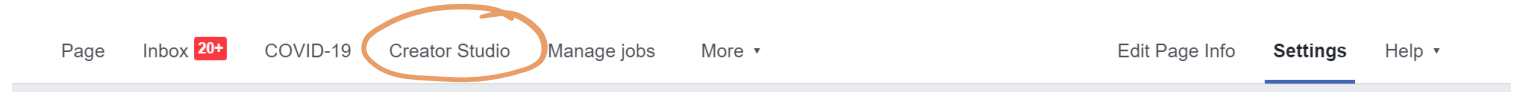
Avoid stock photography

Get consent



When is the best time?

To Schedule a post: Go to Creator studio > Create post



Schedule a post when your audience are most likely online



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Free advertising

1. Create a Facebook event
2. Post regularly and add your location – once is not enough!
3. Find local groups





Finally...

1. Remember who, what, how and when
2. 80:20 content rule
3. Consistency is more important than frequency



Useful tools – Photography and design

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www.spark.adobe.com

www.unsplash.com

www.pixabay.com

www.pexels.com

www.freepik.com

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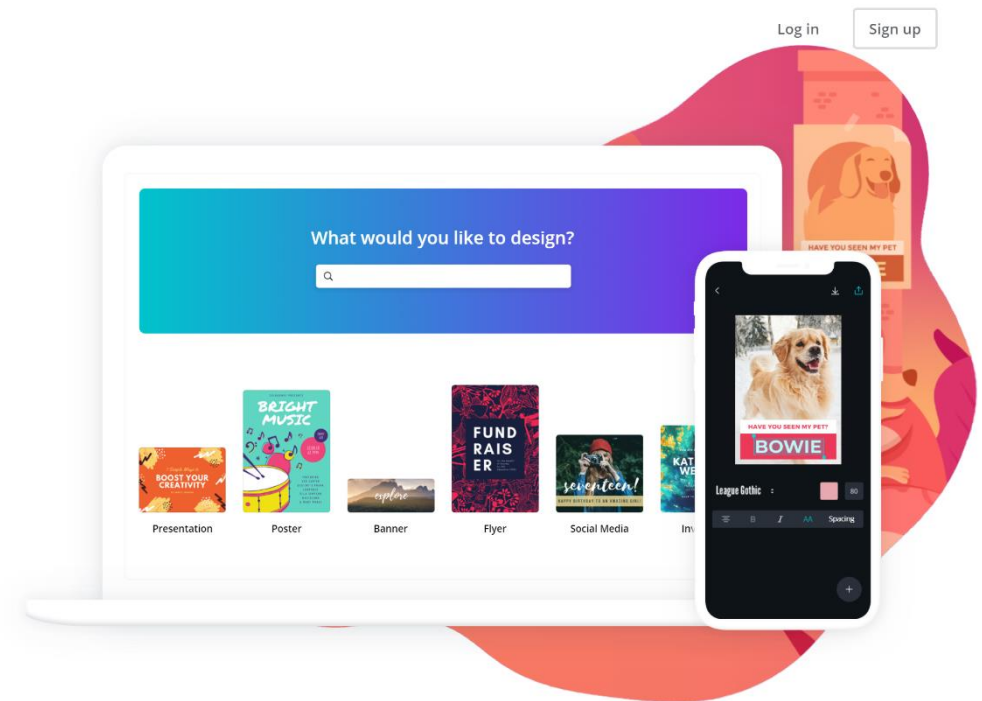
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