

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN  
A CHURCH GROWS?**

**ACTS 6:1-7**

# **The Jerusalem church was growing (1)**

**A problem of growth:  
People and needs  
were being overlooked (1)**

**The elderly  
Longstanding Christians  
The buildings**

**What they did about it:**

**1. They faced it together (2)**

**Meeting not to complain  
but to find solutions**

**The Churchwardens**  
**The PCC**  
**The whole Church Family**

## **2. They prioritised teaching the Bible (2, 4)**

**‘It would not be right’ (2)**

**Setting leaders free (2)**

**Keeping leaders to their task  
(2, 4)**

**A Pastoral Team**  
**Looking after the buildings**  
**Valuing the teaching ministry**

### **3. They also prioritised prayer (4, 6)**

**‘It would not be right’ (2)**

**The leaders praying  
on their own (4)**

**The leaders praying  
with and for others (6)**

**The leader's 'Quiet Time'**  
**Praying through**  
**the Parish List**  
**Praying on the**  
**telephone/street/everywhere**  
**The Church's Prayer Meeting:**  
**'First Priority'**

## **4. They chose extra leaders (3, 5)**

**Further needs called for  
other leaders (3)**

**Acceptance by the whole  
congregation (5)**

**Choosing carefully (3, 5)**

**PCC members**  
**Lay Pastors**  
**Staff Members**

**5. They publicly  
commissioned leaders (6)**

**Clearly and publicly  
recognised (6)**

**Commissioning of leaders**  
**Adjunct staff**  
**Churchwardens**

**And the result?**

**Further encouraging growth (7)**