



## Deaf Awareness - Everybody welcome!

A few years ago, I went to a Christian event where a short play based on CS Lewis's 'The Screwtape Letters' was presented by the Saltmine Theatre Company. In one scene a congregation is singing a well-known hymn. A deaf person though is obliviously singing it, loudly and off-key, to a different tune to the obvious annoyance of all!

As many of our older (and not so old) folk will attest, even mild hearing loss, can have a disproportionately large impact on enjoyment of life. Many of the buildings we use are large, with poor acoustics and either no PA or a very old, inefficient, set up. Let's face it, our services rely on good communication at all levels. Whatever we do in church life, whether greeting others, leading, reading, preaching, or just chatting after a service, a little knowledge about how to communicate better can make a huge difference.

We are running a short half day session on Deaf awareness. Who is it for? Well, it is for absolutely everyone! It will be informative, interactive, and most of all fun! Perhaps you have some concerns with hearing, either yourself or for another? Or you want to know how to communicate better? Well, come along, and learn what differences small changes can make, and let's bust a few myths on the way!

It will take place on **Wednesday November 27th**, in the Church in Chef Boutonne. We will start at **12.30** with a shared lunch, and finish by **17.00**. It is open to everyone, including those from other churches, so please do consider inviting others who you think might benefit.

Please book your place with Paul and Helen Davis: 05 45 31 05 06.