



## Deaf Awareness - Everybody welcome!

How about coming to a session that tackles a subject that will impact on all of us, either directly or indirectly? Hearing loss has been the butt of music hall jokes for many years, but its social effects are far reaching, causing isolation and loss of confidence amongst other things. However, with a little understanding and knowledge, life for those with hearing loss can be hugely improved.

It can have a particular effect on church, and let's face it, our services rely on good communication at all levels. Whatever we do in church life, whether greeting others, leading, preaching, or just chatting after a service, a little knowledge about how to communicate better can make a huge difference.

St Augustine reputedly said 'the deaf cannot know God'. Attitudes may have changed, but perhaps not as much as you might think! That sentiment is still reflected in some hymns, and even modern worship songs.

We are planning 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? Well, similarly come along, learn what can be done, and let's bust a few myths!

It will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 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.