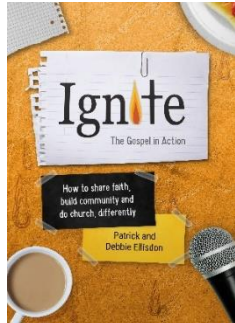


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Ignite

How to share faith, build community and do church differently

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Ignite is model of church that is radically new or radically old: it subverts many of the inherited church's way of doing things and instead goes right back to the way Jesus did things.

As bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin says in her foreword: 'Jesus got in trouble with the religious leaders of his day for making a beeline for those whom they did not consider to be respectable. He hung out with people on the edges of society, those who did not easily fit into organised religion or the social pecking order... Jesus saw no societal barrier to the people that he loved, taught, healed and prayed with.'

Created by Patrick and Debbie Ellisdon, Ignite is a tried and tested model following Jesus' example of building relationships and sharing faith with people where they are, in their own communities. Through eating and exploring faith together, Ignite shares the gospel in both word and action, while also supporting people's essential needs. This book sets out how to plan and run Ignite in your context. It covers building and supporting a team, how best to set up for Ignite and the style in which it should be delivered. Pre-planned 'running orders' provide two years' worth of weekly material including video clips, table discussions, quizzes, short talks, craft activities, drama and prayer responses.

Praise for Ignite

'It's not like a church, it's not religious, more like a social club, but I have learnt a lot about God!'
An Ignite guest

'This book is a wonderful testimony of how God can shape a church to minister to those around us; to reveal the love of Jesus to those we often fail to connect with. This book not only tells the story of Ignite but also its thinking, theology and process with lots of wonderful resources to use to share the gospel.' – *Mike Resch, vicar of St Marks in Harrogate and part of the New Wine Leadership Community*

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