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Which hosting plan for a church or an association: a simple site, events and videos

Choosing the Right Plan

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A church, an association or an NGO usually needs a site that is **simple and always up**: who we are, opening times, contacts, news and events. That fits one of the first shared plans. The one thing that tends to complicate it is **video**: live broadcasts and recordings of services or events are not served from a hosting plan.

What goes where

What you want to publish	Where it lives
Pages, news, an events calendar	On the hosting plan. It is ordinary use and weighs little.
Event photos	On the hosting plan, with the images resized. See image optimisation and WebP .
Audio recordings (sermons, a podcast)	On the hosting plan, if downloads are occasional. Many listeners at the same time is another conversation.
Video and live broadcasts	On a video service, embedded in the site. Continuous radio is a separate product. See online radio or video: which plan .
The association's e-mail	Mailboxes on the domain, included in the plan. Give each role a mailbox (office, treasury), not each person.

How to choose, step by step

1

Start with the lowest plan that covers the site and the e-mail. An association rarely needs more.

2

Choose a simple tool for the site. WordPress will do, and the cPanel installer gets it running. If you prefer a builder, see **Sitejet Builder or WordPress: which one suits your site.**

3

Have more than one person with access. An association's site often sits in one volunteer's hands. If that person leaves, the association is left without the domain, the panel and the passwords. Register the account details in the association's name.

4

Prepare for the busy days: festive dates, fundraising campaigns, open enrolment. See **preparing for a traffic spike.**

Calendar, sign-ups and notices

An events calendar is light. What needs attention are the **sign-up forms** and the e-mail notices: each sign-up produces messages, and if the sending address is not set up properly they land in spam. Test with a real sign-up and see **why your e-mail is not sending or receiving**. To notify hundreds of people at once, use a sending service and not a mailbox.

Do not put video recordings straight on the hosting plan. A broadcast with many people connected at once spends the shared bandwidth and slows the rest of the site. It is arithmetic, not a prohibition. Video services exist for this, and the site only embeds the link.

Want to take donations? Use a payment service and connect it to the site. You should not keep card data on your own site: the payment service handles it.

Tell us what the association wants to put online and we will name the simplest plan that does the job.

Open a support ticket

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In our plans

Situation	Plan	Why
Pages, news, an events calendar and event photos	Pro	1 site, 10 GB NVMe SSD and unlimited mailboxes, one for each role
Several sites (parish, youth group, projects) or many photos and recordings	Plus	6 sites and 20 GB NVMe SSD
Your own radio for services and events	Streaming Pro	800 listeners at the same time, 10 GB of AutoDJ and 128 kbps; Streaming Plus has 5,000 listeners and 25 GB

WHEN TO MOVE UP: move up when you want a separate site for each group, when photos and audio recordings fill the 10 GB of the Pro plan, or when sign-up notices reach the 100 e-mails per hour. Video and live broadcasts do not go on the hosting plan: use a video service, and for continuous audio the Streaming plans. Changing plan keeps the site, and the daily backup is on every plan.

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Online radio or video: which plan, and why an ordinary hosting plan is not it

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