

Dear All,

Over the years our Parish visions have helped us to creatively attempt new things and capture new energies. This has moved our Parish forward and given us many reasons to be thankful and to celebrate.

With the help of the PCC and the Ministry Team, we feel our new vision ought to be very much an evolution and continuation of the good things that we have managed to achieve. We also want, out of the very challenging past two years, to consolidate and encourage the direction in which we have journeyed.

So, I would like to commend our updated Parish vision to you and pray for the grace and guidance of God as we move forward in the coming years.

Yours,

Nicholas Aiken

Reverend Canon Nicholas Aiken

Parish Vision 2022-2025

Our vision for the next 4 years is:

To Know Jesus and Make Him Known Every Day



Deepening Discipleship

Together we will

- Wrestle with being more intentional about our commitment to follow Jesus every day.
- Improve our ability to hear from God in our lives.
- Increase our confidence in answering questions about our faith and ethical issues.
- Seek to serve our community and promote justice and peace.

Sharing the Good News and Life of Jesus

Together we will:

- Show the love of Jesus through word and action especially in and with our local community.
- Support local and worldwide mission.
- Grow in seeing and sharing where God is at work in our daily lives.

Growing in Unity

Together we will:

- Make time to get to know others in our church family, of all generations.
- Value and support all church members.
- Pray for one another and all our church activities.
- Stand up against racism and all forms of prejudice.

*Through the years of our last Parish Vision 2018-2021,
God blessed us and many things were achieved
and came into being.*

We give thanks for all that God has done including:

- Growing us in prayer and worship, giving us creativity and the starting of a YouTube channel streaming live worship.
- Helping us to grow in faith through inspirational speakers.
- Reaching out to people in our community during the pandemic with food, phone calls and love.
- Sharing our stories of God at work in online services encouraging one another.
- Maintaining our financial giving so as to release money for meeting needs.

Discipleship

We aim to become a community of adventurous, missionary disciples who breathe in the love, presence and guidance of God and who breathe out joy, generosity, justice and gospel witness.

We aim to:

- Provide more opportunities to engage with the Holy Spirit.
- Find ways of connecting with young families.
- Share our stories more frequently and with more vulnerability.
- Educate ourselves to be able to discuss how the Christian faith is relevant here and now.
- Promote participation in the risk, excitement and sacrifice of Christian service to all around us.
- To take seriously our responsibility towards the environment.

Pastoral Care

We aim to continue to provide a place where all people are valued and built up. We aim to bring comfort, strength and healing to those experiencing difficulty and suffering.

We aim to:

- Reach out and support those who may be lonely or isolated in our parish and continue to provide meeting points such as the coffee shop and Sunday lunches.
- Identify, plan and deliver appropriate training on pastoral issues.
- Encourage the church family to consider how it might practise being a good neighbour.
- Make it clear where help can be found in the church for those going through challenging times.
- Recruit more men to be pastoral assistants to provide a much better balance.



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. Hebrews 12:1

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Engaging Community

We aim to continue to build relationships with our local community and other communities across the globe. Sharing the love of God and seeing lives changed for the better.

We aim to:

- Provide training and practice to help church members share their faith with sensitivity and confidence.
- Explore how we might enable more people in our community to access the rich resources of our church.
- Encourage people to move out of their comfort zones and serve in places where they can trust in God.
- Meet the needs of our local community together, through various activities for all ages such as youth groups, women's forum, men's groups, practical help and meals for those in crisis.
- Support charities through practical, prayerful and financial involvement to engage in local, national and international mission.



And through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed.

Genesis 22:18

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

Pray to the Lord for the city where you are living. Jeremiah 29:7

Worship and Prayer

We aim to continue to offer a variety of different worship services at our three churches and be underpinned in all we do by prayer.

We aim to:

- Encourage all-age participation and use the gifts and talents of many in our worship services.
- Have dignity and reverence as well as vibrancy in our services, with increased use of silence where appropriate.
- Use modern technology as an aid to individual and corporate prayer and worship.
- Constantly evaluate the worship style and content at all 3 of our churches.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 100:2

Infrastructure

We aim to continue to encourage our engagement and outreach to the parish and wider community and make sure our structures serve that purpose.

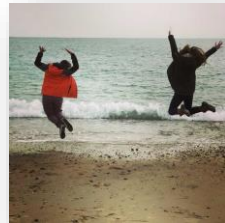
We aim to:

- Encourage everyone's skills and gifts to help to maintain and grow our Church.
- Utilise all our physical and human resources to express our following of Jesus in a life of service and giving to others.
- Provide a safe and welcoming environment for all, through upholding national and diocesan policies with regards to safeguarding, safer recruitment, management of staff and health and safety.
- Communicate through all available channels including our Parish Magazine, website and social media.
- Grow in our awareness and action of living sustainably, caring for our planet.
- Continue to be attentive to the financial needs of the running of our parish. Make sure we maintain the emphasis on giving and financial support in response to the overwhelming generosity of God, that is ours.



Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12 v. 27 & 28.

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