

Report to PCC on our Purpose & 5-Year Plan

January 2023



During their Away Time at Foxhill Retreat at the beginning of November, the Ministry Team prayerfully considered where we believed God wanted the Parish to be in five years' time. The results of this were presented to the Parish at the beginning of December at a well-attended workshop - where there was much useful discussion and comment - and also via Zoom in January. The following is a summary resulting from this process, which is presented to the PCC to seek approval for this general direction of travel.

Our PURPOSE as a Parish is to Make Jesus Known

Central to our purpose is our dependence upon the Holy Spirit, prayer and God's word – to be filled with Rivers of Living Water: "Where the river flows everything will live" Ezekiel 47:9.

There are three strands to our Purpose:

Walking with God – helping each other to become faithful followers of Jesus

Growing Community – to be a visible presence in the Strettons, building relationships, and giving the opportunity to all to belong and believe.

Serving the Strettons and Beyond – to 'love our neighbours' by walking alongside them.

Each of us brings our gifts and skills to be used, as a Parish, to Make Jesus Known, working under our policies including Safeguarding, and working towards the C of E target of net-zero emissions by 2030. Further, we endeavour to grow new leaders for the future of The Church.

Our Five-Year Plan

Inevitably this can only be indicative of the initiatives that are planned; many factors may cause delays or alterations, but it indicates the activities to help us, as a Parish, Make Jesus Known.

<i>In Each and Every Year</i>	<i>Continue to Make Jesus known through:</i>
Weekly Services & Festivals	St Michael's Flower Festival
Termly Prayer meetings	Teas to Please at All Saints
Messy Church; Cameo; Toddlers	Stretton Feasts
Foodbank	Newcomers Lunch
Alpha	Christmas Lunch
Marriage Preparation	New Wine Summer Festival
Year One, 2023	A Walking Year
The Bible in One Year;	Coronation Ball
Diocesan Year of Prayer Events	Holiday Club for 4–11-year-olds
Welcome training	Anna Chaplaincy
Confirmation	Service pattern review in the summer
Lent Gifting Course; Lent Day Retreat	Parish Weekend at Home in April
Growing Leaders course	Harvest lunches in local churches
Year Two, 2024	A Growing Year
Training in Sharing Our Faith	Sermon series with big themes from the Bible
Holiday at home for the elderly	Belong & Believe
Holiday Club for children	Mission Partners Visits: to them and/or them to us
Year Three, 2025	A Serving Year
Outreach to Tourists	Summer Sermon series
CAP	Growing Leaders phase 2, inviting local churches
Bethel Project	Mission Partners Visits: to them and/or them to us
Years Four & Five, 2026 & 2027	Living It Out
After prayerful review, build on, adapt, continue or begin initiatives of the previous years. Plant a new congregation?	