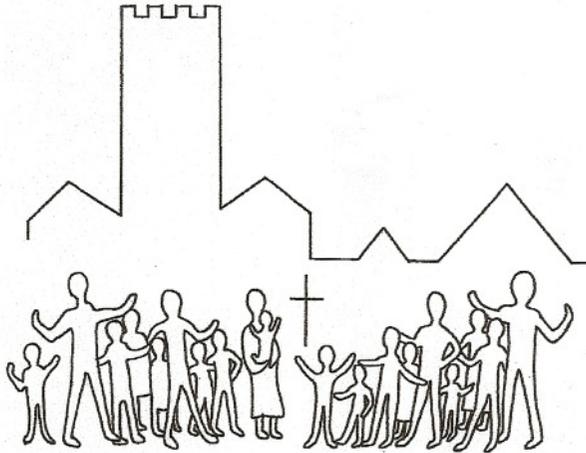


St.Peter's Brackley



Our Purpose:

**to glorify God through holy and welcoming worship
to nurture fellowship and faith in Jesus Christ
to share the good news of his saving love with others**

Vision and Growth Plan

2016 – end 2017

Our Vision

**to grow in numbers and
to increase our influence & effectiveness
as a worship-centred, outward-looking,
mission-minded Christian community:**

vibrant ; prayerful ; caring ; hospitable & welcoming;

a community which nurtures faith,

discipleship and leadership;

is excellent at communication;

encourages and empowers its members to live out

their faith through service and engagement in

the wider community.

Growth Plan 2016- end 2017

new developments

- To introduce a monthly 'new-style' Eucharist – especially 'hospitable' to those who enjoy all age worship. **The Vicar**
- To introduce new musical setting(s) / hymns / liturgical material to the Sung Eucharist. **The Curate**
- Establish a 2023 Group to plan how we might mark the 800th anniversary of the parish (as taken from the date of the first known incumbent 1223). **Paul Wiltshire**
- To nurture Christian discipleship: **Marion Jones**
 - through special sermons on topics suggested by the congregation that would help them in living out their lives as Christians
 - through the provision of a Christian nurture course which could lead to confirmation
 - through the provision of a Parish Quiet Day
 - through the annual provision of a Discipleship Day Conference

ongoing

- To make a concerted effort to ask questions of all we do in the light of our purpose and vision and to make frequent reference to these in print and through spoken word at services – in sermons and notices. **Alan Perkins**
- To promote opportunities for building up more enduring relationships with people (especially young families) who have sought our ministry / attended special services/ events at St. Peter's and to communicate with them more consistently and strategically. **Val Lynam:**
- To promote generous giving to support growth of the Church's mission and ministry. **Alan Perkins**
- To continue to raise St. Peter's profile in the wider community through publicity, outreach, an Open Day and use of social media. **Beverly Bigmore**
- To pray for the growth of St. Peter's congregations. **Mothers' Union (with guidance)**

Encouragements since last edition of growth plan

in no significant order

- Messy Church now established on third Saturday of the month
- The 'Open the Book' Bible story telling in Brackley Junior School
- Confirmation course for nurturing the faith of seven new adult church members
- Second successful discipleship Day Conference at St. Peter's
- Increased level of congregational planned giving
- Focussed intercession on Growth Plan
- Increase in prayer for individual members of the congregation
- Evolution of a monthly discussion and fellowship group for Young People

A Prayer for Renewal and Mission

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, we ask for a fresh outpouring of your Holy Spirit on your Church. Help us to grow in our experience of your love, forgiveness and healing. Challenge our contentment to stay as we are. Renew our vision of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, that through our words and the way we live, others may be drawn to His Way. Give us wisdom to seek your will and grant us the joy that comes from wholeheartedly following it. For your Glory and the good of all your people. Amen.