



A VISION DAY

Creating our Route Map for the future of St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wem.

WHAT WHERE WHEN

A Vision Day to be held in St Peter and St Paul's Church Hall, Wem. On Saturday 19 August starting at 11:00am.

Facilitated by Reverend
John Jukes

Past, Present and Future:

Where we were three years ago, where we are now, where we will be in three years.

It is intended that a Vision Day be held that will build upon the work done as part of the preparation for the Parish Profile when the congregation were consulted through a questionnaire.

At the end of the Vision Day it is intended that the discussions and objectives identified will provide enough information that a **Mission Action Plan** (MAP) may be drawn up to help guide us achieving our vision of what St Peter and St Paul's Church will be like in three years' time.

Mission Action Plan (MAP)

The objectives in the Mission Action Plan will be SMART objectives. i.e. they will be: - **S**pecific; **M**easurable; **A**chievable; **R**ealistic; **T**imely

The MAP will be regularly reviewed by the PCC and the congregation will be informed of progress.

Furthermore, the objectives within our MAP will feed into parts of the wider Diocesan Vision which is stated as:

The vision, mission and ministry of the Diocese is focused around the three priority areas of discipleship, vocation and evangelism (DVE) - following in the footsteps of the first bishop of Lichfield, St Chad.

"As we follow Christ in the footsteps of St Chad, we pray that the two million people in our diocese encounter a church that is confident in the gospel, knows and loves its communities, and is excited to find God already at work in the world. We pray for a church that reflects

the richness and variety of those communities. We pray for a church that partners with others in seeking the common good, working for justice as a people of hope."

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/our-vision/>

Programme for the day:

- 11:00 - 11:15 Arrival with tea and coffee
- 11:15 – 11:30 Explanation of the day and Opening Worship
- 11:30 – 12:05 Where we were three years ago
- 12:05 – 12:55 Where we are now
- 12:55 – 13:45 Bring and Share Lunch
- 13:45 – 15:30 Where we will be in three years

We will divide into groups to discuss a question, then come together to share our findings.

Some initial questions to help guide the first discussion.

- What did the Church do in the community?
- In what ways did the wider community use the Church buildings?
- How did the Church support community initiatives?
- How did the Church encourage Spiritual Growth?
- How did the Church encourage spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- How many people worshipped regularly in Church?

The people of our congregations have many skills and abilities to draw upon and with an underpinning of prayer all the objectives in our Mission Action Plan will be achievable. However, it is recognised that there are occasions when outside agencies and research can help us to achieve these objectives and so we will endeavour to make use of this knowledge and undertake training which will help us. There will also be courses and training offered that will be an objective in and of itself.

Some possible courses that may be offered

Everybody welcome: A one-day course for the whole church aimed at making welcome central to all we do and the people we are.

Talking Jesus: A course to help people to share their faith confidently and naturally.

Life on the Frontline: A six session course for equipping whole life disciples.

Seeker Course: This will consist of a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. An open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.