

Worship God

As disciples of Jesus Christ, the Parish Mass is the source and summit of our life together. We want to offer our best to God in worship, and be transformed by him. And we want to see more people experience that transformation.

- + Make St John's even more welcoming, particularly for those who are new to the church
- + Continue to develop our music, healing ministries, and worship during the week

Nurture the young

Children and young people are central to the life and vitality of the church, and of our community. We want our children to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and to participate fully in church life.

- + Make Sunday mornings a place where children flourish, participate and grow
- + Take a group to the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage
- + Develop Messy Church

Develop our building

Our building is God's house, and a wonderful resource for church and community, but it needs work. We want to develop it so that it suits the needs of worship, and has better facilities for church and community.

- + Enhance the worship space
- + Improve facilities and develop halls
- + Fundraise and project management

Serve our community

We love the diverse and vibrant community God calls us to serve, acknowledging the complex social issues and levels of poverty and deprivation. We want to serve our community with Christ-like compassion.

- + Make Kids' Café sustainable
- + Continue to develop the Soup Kitchen
- + Continue to work with community partners

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- + **Make St John's even more welcoming, particularly for those who are new to the church**
 - + Develop our welcome ministry
 - + Try a 'Come-to-Church Sunday', and be more intentional about growth
 - + Explore how we can make people's first steps into church a bit easier
- + **Continue to develop our music, healing ministries, and worship during the week**
 - + Explore music, both traditional and contemporary, and continue singing mornings
 - + Continue to develop healing ministries (including laying on of hands, anointing, and the sacrament of reconciliation) on Sundays and weekdays
 - + Develop our weekday worship

Nurture the young

- + **Make Sunday mornings a place where children flourish, participate and grow**
 - + Make Sunday School sustainable
 - + Continue to encourage children to participate in the liturgy regularly, by serving, reading, leading intercessions, etc.
- + **Take a group to the Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage**
 - + Start in 2016
- + **Develop Messy Church**
 - + Hold another Messy Church for Easter 2016
 - + Explore how we can build on this and 'Carols for Children', and integrate into Sunday mornings

Develop our building

- + **Enhance the worship space**
 - + Improve the liturgical furniture and space
 - + Improve approach and access to building to make it more welcoming
 - + This ties in with 'Worship God'
- + **Improve facilities and develop halls**
 - + Provide better kitchen and WC facilities
 - + Make better use of and/or extend space for church and community use, including Homeless Families Project
 - + This ties in with 'Serve the Community'
- + **Fundraise and project management**
 - + Redevelopment Working Group and PCC to put in place plans to fundraise and manage this project
 - + Ensure plans will work financially in the long-term

Serve our community

- + **Make Kids' Café sustainable**
 - + Explore staffing, volunteering and funding
- + **Continue to develop the Soup Kitchen**
 - + Maintain volunteering levels
 - + Continue to work with other organisations and agencies
- + **Continue to work with community partners**
 - + Nurture our partnerships with Parkwood School, the Homeless Families Project, Luganda Service, the local Muslim community and other faith groups, local councillors, etc.
 - + Explore ways of promoting the arts, such as concerts and plays in church
- + **Be compassionate in Jesus' name**
 - + Continue to ensure that St John's is a place where we love one another, and reach out to those most in need