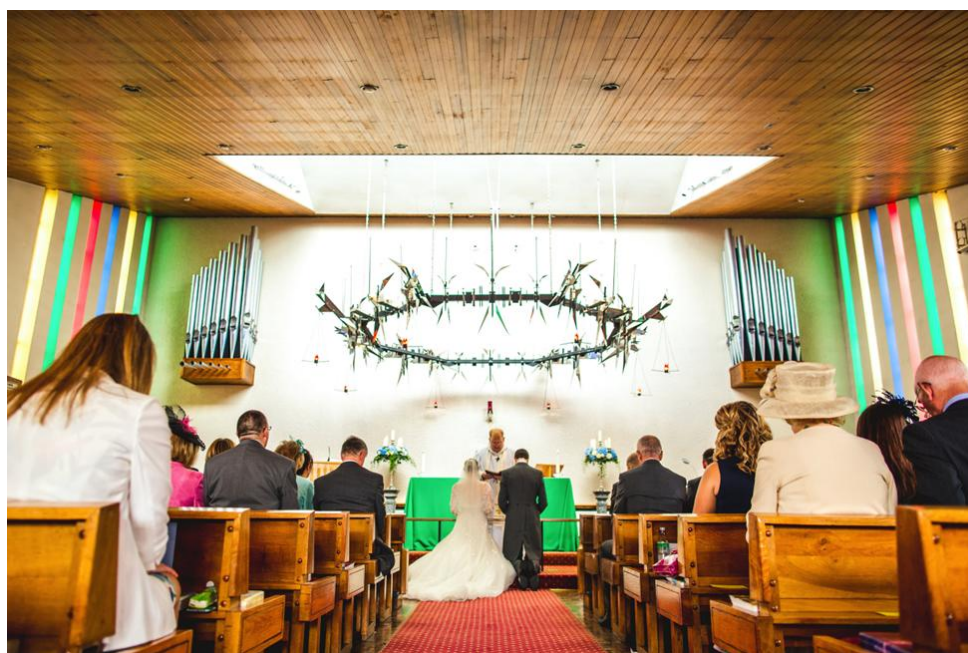


The Parish Church of St Margaret Ingol



Parish Profile

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1. Letter from the Bishop

Thank you for showing an interest in a post in the Diocese of Blackburn.

Our Diocese is passionate about the renewal of Parish life. Vision 2026 sets before the churches of Lancashire a profound belief in the power of the Gospel to transform lives and communities and expresses a firm commitment to maintaining clergy numbers and investing in the mission of the local church. We therefore seek clergy with a personal faith fiery enough to make new disciples for Christ, with a sincere commitment to the Parish as the heart of the church's mission and with the resilience and courage to bring growth and renewal to local churches. We don't want superheroes. Rather we are seeking authentic, prayerful priests of all traditions who share our passion for confident proclamation and generous service.

What's more, you would be coming to the Diocese at a fascinating time as we look towards our centenary in 2026. We are in the midst of a major process of listening to God and listening to our County as we discern where God is calling us next, a process that will result in a new strategic vision that will last until 2033, the 2000th anniversary of the Resurrection.

We have also recently been successful in obtaining a grant of £25.5m from the Diocesan Investment Programme run by the national church. This will enable us to:

- Offer a transformed pattern of ongoing training and support to clergy, including sabbatical leave as an expectation for all rather than a treat for the few
- Deploy 30 'Ignite' youth and children's workers to parishes around the Diocese
- Invest in urban areas through expanding the M:Power course for urban leaders, employing 18 Urban Pioneers and re-imagining Christian life in areas of particular challenge.
- Expand our Diocesan Renewal Programme which has led to an average of 6% growth in RWA in participating parishes.

We are a Diocese that is united in defying the declinist mindset that has taken hold of so much of Western European Christianity. Through a firm belief in the power of Jesus Christ to change lives combined with strong pastoral ministry and imaginative developments such as new local congregations, we are seeing growth in churches of all traditions. Strong relationships with our amazing family of 191 schools (95% of whom benefit from practising Christian Headteachers) provide another springboard for mission.

As a Diocese we do all we can to love and treasure our clergy. Our programme of Annual Conversations means that every licensed priest has a 90-minute conversation with a Bishop or an Archdeacon every year about their vocation, wellbeing and spiritual life.



*The Bishop of Blackburn
The Rt Revd Philip North*



*The Bishop of Lancaster
The Rt Revd Dr Jill Duff*



*The Bishop of Burnley
The Rt Revd Dr Joe Kennedy*

We have appointed an Assistant Archdeacon to advise on clergy wellbeing, and we work hard to create networks that enable clergy to belong and find mutual support.

Those in their first incumbency are offered especially focused support. This includes participation in a two year Start of Ministry course, advice and care from a mentor and the oversight of our two outstanding Start of Ministry officers.

Lancashire has been described as 'England in miniature' and we can offer a vast diversity of parishes. We serve the most deprived communities in the United Kingdom on the Fylde coast and in East Lancashire as well as remote countryside. We are not immune from the particular challenges to ministry provided by an increasingly secular culture and a divided Church. But what brings us together is a profound and shared love of Jesus Christ and a passionate desire that all should know him, and in knowing him find life.

We really hope you enjoy reading this profile and that it provides all the information you need. If this particular post does not feel quite right, please do get in touch about other parishes in the Diocese that are vacant.

Most importantly of all, please be assured of our prayers as you discern the will of God for the next stage in your ministry.

2. What is the PCC's vision for the future?

St Margaret's has been a church for 100 years this year and strives to be a welcoming and inclusive presence in the heart of our community. We see something special of God in every person regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability or resources. We support the full ministry of women, and we welcome people of every experience to find Jesus, join our worship and feel like they belong.

Our Mission team and PCC continue the work of Vision 2026, and we look forward to the Centenary of Blackburn Diocese, and our own Parish Centenary in October 2025.

As a church we want to grow in numbers, in our spiritual commitment and in service to our local community. To do this, we are willing to embrace change and take risks. Our usual worship is based on the Eucharist, which remains important to us, however we already use a projector and screen, a sound system and a smart TV in our All Age worship once a month, and we will be happy to have more variety in worship style, and would welcome other types of service introduced by our new Vicar.

Our Mission Action / Five Year Plan set out in 2024 shows more progress in 2025 and outlines possible goals for the next few years. (See appendix 1). It is closely aligned with Vision 2026 and looks towards a future of growth and community engagement.

3. What is our Spiritual life?

Our Sunday service is held at 10.30am. There is Eucharist on most Sundays, using modern language with hymns. On the first Sunday of the month, we have an All-Age service, which is more informal and uses recorded modern worship songs through our excellent sound system. We currently use a variety of service cards including those prepared for special days and celebrations, and these are flexible.

The Wednesday Communion service begins at 10.30am following the Book of Common Prayer. This is a service popular with the older generation, often attended by Residents and Carers from a local Care Home.

Our last incumbent wore vestments which many would like to continue although this is not essential. The Churchmanship may be described as 'middle of the road'.

Refreshments are served in the Parish Centre after each of the services.

The Wednesday morning congregation has up to 15 mainly of older communicants. The Sunday 10.30am congregation is larger, usually around 35 parishioners. We do have some committed young families, but like many churches, we are short of the middle age group of families with teenage and older children.

The parish has taken part in the "Leading your church into Growth" (LYCiG) Programme when two members of our PCC attended a course to introduce the ideas, attending evening sessions at Whalley Abbey and attending a residential course at Swanwick. We shared our learning at PCC meetings and at church services.

Following this, in September 2024, we held a mission weekend at St. Margaret's supported by a team from the diocese. This started with a fantastic chocolate bingo evening and hotpot supper on the Friday – Bishop Philip was a very entertaining bingo caller! On the Saturday we had a family fun day providing activities and food for our local community and on Sunday Bishop Philip led our Eucharist.

We are now starting to see the results of our Mission weekend. We hope to attract more families and individuals of all age groups, to grow our church family.

Home visits

Currently we are able to offer the distribution of Holy Communion at Home. We have three Authorised Lay Ministers who visit the sick and elderly at home.

Electoral roll

On 11th May 2025, there were 62 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll of whom 25 were resident outside the Parish. Most of these are regular attenders but unable to worship every week.

Sunday Club

Our young people are served by a weekly Sunday Club, run by enthusiastic volunteers and parents, all of whom have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) accreditation.

The Sunday Club at St. Margaret's Ingol is a happy, friendly, safe place for children and their families to worship. We follow the Blackburn Diocese Board of Education (BDBE) worksheets which are full of interesting and exciting activities. There are Bible stories, colouring sheets, word search puzzles which the older children and parents enjoy. There is always a craft activity too – bookmarks, masks, mobiles, wiggly fish etc.

We celebrate all the Christian festivals and enjoy learning about the Church's teachings and values. Our time spent in Sunday Club is very precious to us. It is where we learn about prayer, our special time to chat with Jesus about our joys and anything that may worry us. We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful Rev Rie but look forward to spending many happy years with you, where you will receive our love and respect and we hope much fun.

The children have an active role in our church and tell us each week what they have talked about as well as being part of our intercessions rota.

Community services

We have several services throughout the year which include the local community:

Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, All Souls commemoration of loved ones, Remembrance Sunday, Christingle, the Christmas Eve Crib Service and Midnight Holy Communion are attended by non-churchgoers and members of other churches.

Ecumenical relationships within the Ingol, Tanterton and Cottam church / worship centres have been less prominent since Covid however we have a very strong connection and common purpose with the running of the local food bank, Share-IT. We would like our next incumbent to try to grow these relationships again

Social activities

The Mothers' Union continues to meet on the third Tuesday of every month. There are currently 8 members whose ages range from 61 to 90+. We also host some deanery Mothers' Union meetings and services at St Margaret's.

Nibble and Natter meet on Thursdays from 2.00pm until 4.00pm for cake, tea and chat. We regularly have an average of 15 people both from our church and the local community. Games are played and competition can be fierce whilst others enjoy the conversation.

We host St Catherine's Hospice Bereavement Cafe which meets once a month on a Wednesday afternoon between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm in the Coffee Lounge. We regularly have an attendance of 5-15 people both from our church and the local community.

We regularly hold social events, and love to eat together on special occasions. Photographs of our Mission weekend social events are on the Diocesan website. Our recent events have included the Queen's Jubilee, the King's Coronation and VE Day and for our Centenary (October 25).

We also hold Spring and Autumn craft and coffee mornings supported by church members and the local community

4. What resources do we have?

The Warden

Churchwarden Michelle Jones is capable and skilled and serves us well. She also serves as our Treasurer. We are also blessed with our Churchwarden Emeritus – Andrew Lonsdale.

The Parochial Church Council

The PCC is made up of 7 members including the Churchwarden, all committed Christians of wide-ranging skills, experience and backgrounds giving us a good blend to manage our affairs. The Secretary is Marion Fleming. Our volunteer base is small, and rather thinly stretched, so we would like help to grow new lay leaders.

Our church is supported by

- The sacristans
- The chalice bearers
- The Sidespersons
- The flower arrangers
- The organist: Our regular organist is Michelle Jones
- The intercessors
- The people who read the lessons
- The Sunday Club leaders
- The handyman
- The volunteer who cuts the grassed areas regularly

We have contracted out our gardening and cleaning but the people that do this work are invaluable to us.

The Church and Parish Centre

The Church is housed in a modern building built in 1965. The Parish Centre is linked to the Church by a covered walkway. It was built in 1994 and officially opened in 1995.



Side view of church showing gated entrance to the vicarage and the Memory Garden in between



Front view of the church from Tag Lane



The north porch, dressed for a wedding



The Lady Chapel



The altar, the corona & the organ



Parish Centre on left, the church to the right

The Parish Centre

We are very proud of our Parish Centre, which is well used by us and the local community, and is an important source of income. It is popular for parties. Regular users include Keep fit and Pilates groups, Slimming World, Linkability, Preston Archaeological Society, Preston Art Society, and Reed Wellbeing delivering Diabetes Prevention courses. We also host meetings for our local food bank, Share-IT. The University of the 3rd Age (U3A) use us for various groups including keep fit, reading and gardening. Preston City Council use us as a polling station when required. We hire the hall to various groups for one off occasions, such as meetings and we have held antiques fairs.

All of our lighting within the Parish Centre is now Eco-friendly using LED lights which has made the centre brighter and reduced our running costs.



The financial position

The finances of our church are showing signs of recovery after Covid as our income from planned giving, plate collections, investment income and gift aid have risen year on year for the last three years and amounts to £36,000. This is supplemented by our Hall income which also has risen year on year for the same period and now stands at £20,000. There is still scope for this to improve further.

Our outgoings over the past three years, excluding major repairs, have remained constant, and whilst we have had to draw down on our investments in these years we are still holding nearly £80,000 in this account. The draw-downs have included monies for our Parish Share, which we as a PCC are continuing to pay in full and for major repairs such as repointing, and Architects fees for major works to the building (which have yet to be undertaken). The day to day running of the church and hall, plus clergy expenses, amounts to about £25,000. Within our investments there is a designated fund of £13,000 which is a legacy from our former church warden which is to be used for a lasting project within the church.

We have recently achieved the Bronze Eco award as we have replaced all the lighting within the parish hall to LED lighting, for which we received grants from various people, and installed new boilers to the church which has already resulted in a reduction in our energy costs of approx. £500.

The annual report for the year ending 31 December 2024 was presented to our Annual General Meeting held in May 2025, and subsequently an “audited” copy was sent to the diocese. Our books are inspected by an independent and qualified person, who provides a certificate, to prove our financial statements are correct.

5. What is the community we serve?

According to the internet “Ingol and Tanterton is a peaceful and family-friendly neighbourhood in Preston, England. Known for its quiet streets and friendly next-door neighbours, it's a great place for families and dog owners.”

The area includes every house type from large, detached properties to local authority/housing association accommodation. There are new developments to the north and west of the parish and these continue to grow. Some parts of Ingol show significant deprivation and there is a need for outreach and pastoral care in these areas.

Share-IT! is our great ecumenical project started in 2013, consisting of a food bank and a thrift shop. Donations are provided by the local churches including St Margaret's, and local businesses. They distribute more than 300 food bags during the school holidays in addition to the regular opening of the food bank 5 days per week. The thrift shop is open most Tuesdays and sells a variety of donated goods, clothes, small household items, books and jigsaws. Share IT! also runs an annual Christmas lunch for people who are isolated in the community. All of this is run by volunteers from our local churches.

We also work alongside “Intact” (Ingol and Tanterton Community Trust). It was set up to tackle issues such as social isolation, unemployment, low income, substance misuse, and domestic violence and is a vital resource for the residents of Ingol and Tanterton and Preston, with a lasting positive impact on the area.

Other facilities in the Parish include a Library, local shops, petrol stations, a chip shop, a small Co-op, and a Sainsbury's Local. The bus service is excellent.



Ingol Library



The Co-op



Our Parish Map

Our location

Preston is approximately 27 miles north west of [Manchester](#), 26 miles north east of [Liverpool](#), and 15 miles east of [Blackpool](#).



Preston is the administrative County town of Lancashire, and has a strong economic and retail base. Its reputation as an attractive place to live, work and invest in has seen major expansion over recent years and is set to continue further.

It is a multi-cultural, multi-racial city with people of a range of faiths and of no faith. These diverse communities make a major contribution to the economic, social and cultural life of the City. The Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian faith communities have come together to form the Preston Faith Forum.

The former Preston Polytechnic, which became the University of Central Lancashire is now known as the University of Lancashire. Today it is one of the UK's largest universities with a student and staff community over 42,000.

There are plenty of sporting and leisure activities with leisure centres, rugby at Preston Grasshoppers, football at Preston North End, the Indoor Tennis Centre close by, the University Sports arena at Cottam, cycling and walking along the 25 miles Guild Cycle Way and there is also a trampolining centre.

Being a compact city everything is close, including nature. Take a stroll by the River Ribble in leafy Avenham and Miller Parks, or visit nearby Brockholes nature reserve and Beacon Fell Country Park.

With a population of 348,000, Preston is growing both physically and in terms of profile. Known locally as 'Proud Preston', the city's driving vision is to be the third city of the Northwest, after Manchester and Liverpool.

Preston station is on the main West Coast railway line between London (2hrs) and Glasgow (2½hrs), whilst the famous brutalist Bus Station provides a gateway to more local destinations by public transport. There are many grand buildings in the city centre including the Harris Museum and Library which is re-opening in September 2025 after a £16M refurbishment to become a community, cultural and learning space.



The arms of the City Council



Preston Bus station



The Harris Museum and Library



St. John's Minster

6. Vicarage and Education Options

The Vicarage, Memory Garden and Village Green



Side view of the Vicarage



Memory garden also showing front of Vicarage

The Vicarage is to the rear of the Church and Parish Centre. This was built in the late 1960's and has been well maintained – initially by the parish but, more recently by the Parsonage Board. The access to the

Vicarage is accessed via the Church car park. The Vicarage has been extended and is a good size for entertaining and to accommodate a family.



Memory garden - taken from the car park



- taken from inside the Memory garden

In between the buildings is the fenced Memory Garden where the ashes of parishioners are interred, memory vases for those members of our church family who have passed on to greater things plus a lawned area with an arbour.

There are also gardens between the church and the road. These are maintained by our contracted gardener.



Front aspect showing the WI raised bed



The "village green" and church car park

Schools

There are four primary schools in the parish:

Ingol Community Primary, with which we have a particularly good relationship, Pool House Community Primary, in Tanterton, Cottam Primary School and Holy Family Catholic Primary School.

The Secondary schools nearby, but outside the parish are:

Archbishop Temple School which is a Church of England specialist school, Broughton High School, Fulwood Academy and Ashton Community Science College.

Local 6th-formers attend Preston College, Newman College, Runshaw College or Hutton Grammar School.

University Education is provided in the City at the University of Lancashire or within easy reach in the Northwest at Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool and more.

7. Who is God calling

We are:

- Small in numbers but committed to Jesus
- Traditional in some respects and love the Eucharist however we really are....
- Very open to new ways of doing things.
- Supportive of women's ministry.
- Would not be opposed to discussing the ideas of "Living in Love and Faith"

We would like our new Vicar to:

- Share our enthusiasm for being a caring and inclusive parish open to all, enabling all to feel welcome and be able to take their place and play their part, as full and equal members of the church family
- Be willing and able to build relationships and to strengthen the links between our church and the community.
- By example, and teaching, encourage and help us to grow in faith in Jesus, and in doing so enable us to support each other and share our faith
- Lead us forward with enthusiasm. Enable and encourage new and existing members to grow and develop their Lay leadership and pastoral gifts.
- Love us, nurture us and be with us in times of happiness and joy as well as in times of sorrow, pain and need with a spirit of pastoral care.
- Know that they have the support of the parishioners and PCC in their ministry and in their time off.
- Have a commitment to safeguarding of everyone; children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- Be a good communicator – delivering God's word in a relevant, joyful and practical way
- Help committed Christians and new seekers alike to draw closer to Jesus.

We offer:

- A friendly environment with a supportive PCC and church officers, receptive to new ideas.
- A loving, welcoming Parish, who are willing to care for and support a new incumbent.
- The challenge of integrating a very socially diverse parish in a single Parish Church.
- Hundreds of potential new congregants because of housing developments in North Preston.
- An opportunity to stamp his or her identity on a parish that is open to change, through new patterns of worship, social events, outreach initiatives etc.
- A modern church building, parish centre and comfortable vicarage, with IT resources, internet availability and an updated sound system (2024).
- A good income from the well-used Parish Centre.
- A parish that has been financially robust, always meeting its Parish Share, with the possibility of future substantial funding through a proposed land sale.
- A parish with good relations at Deanery, Archdeaconry and Diocesan level.
- A vibrant multi-faith city and community, with a strong ecumenical emphasis on friendliness and caring.
- Excellent transport links for an incumbent who might come from another part of the country but wish to maintain contacts with their previous area.

We look forward to partnering with our new incumbent as we continue our mission journey at St Margaret's. Together, we are excited to walk in faith and service alongside you.

8. Vision 2026 and Beyond

Vision 2026 is an agenda for growth agreed by the Blackburn Diocesan Synod in 2015. It challenges our parishes to be healthy churches that transform their communities as we look ahead to our diocesan centenary in 2026. It also lays out four ways in which this over-arching goal can be achieved: Making Disciples, Being Witnesses, Growing Leaders and Prioritising Children and Young People.

All that we do as diocese is focussed on the delivery of Vision 2026. For example:

- To make disciples we have 'Fruitful', our Diocesan Discipleship app and distribute 10,000 devotionals at Lent and Advent which enable people to study the scriptures. We also encourage greater generosity in the giving of time, talents and treasures.
- To be witnesses, many parishes are setting up new local congregations at different times and in different places to reach out to new groups of people as well as showing God's love in action through projects that meet human need.
- New leaders are emerging as we seek to enable and equip those God is raising up for lay and ordained ministry. Our M:Power course is a nationally innovative resource for forming leaders from working class backgrounds.
- Our focus on children and young people is enabling creative thinking to raise up a new generation for Jesus Christ. This is supported by our family of church schools, teams to support children and youth work and our Youth Forum.

In the Diocese of Blackburn, we are inspired by confidence in the Gospel and are ambitious in our desire to make new disciples for Jesus Christ. We are committed to mutual flourishing, to maintaining clergy numbers and to investing in training for new curates.

As we look to 2026 and the completion of the current Vision, the Diocese has embarked on a major programme of listening to God and our communities as we discern when he is leading us next. This is being supported in prayer as we observe a Year of Prayer for Growth and Renewal in 2025.

Our Diocesan Vision Prayer is:

***"Heavenly Father, we embrace Your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses,
to grow leaders and to inspire children and young people.
Give us eyes to see Your vision, ears to hear the prompting of Your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen"***

You can find out more by visiting the Vision 2026 pages on our website: www.blackburn.anglican.org

9. Clergy Care and Wellbeing

- Clergy are invited to participate in an 8-year annual programme to keep ministry fresh and vital. This includes periods of sabbatical and regular retreats.
- We offer an Annual Conversation in which every licensed priest spends 90 mins with a Bishop or Archdeacon discussing ministry and wellbeing.

- Ongoing theological training and teaching is offered through our partnership with Emmanuel Theological College. Clergy receive free access to a theological library of 22,000 books and regular seminars.
- Annual Diocesan Clergy Study Days and an occasional clergy conference seek to provide opportunities both to keep ministry fresh and to build relationships with colleagues.
- We offer first incumbents a mentor and participation in our Start of Ministry Programme.
- All clergy are entitled to an uninterrupted rest period of 24 hours in each period of seven days and one additional rest period of 24 hours in each month, and in the remaining weeks of the month to take a rest day and a light day.
- We offer a Clergy Assistance Programme. More information about this can be found on our [website](#)
- We have a great property department, who will do their best to ensure your house works for you and your family and is well maintained.
- We have a beautiful diocesan retreat house in the grounds of a ruined Cistercian abbey, where clergy are welcome to have personal reading days for a modest charge (you can book in for lunch or bring your own).
- We encourage all parishes in vacancy to consider how they will 'pastor' and support their new priest. The diocese has an anti-bullying and anti-harassment policy.
- If you are looking for a spiritual director or a mentor we have an excellent Warden of Spiritual Direction and networks of people with whom we can put you in touch.
- We are always looking for ways for clergy to mix apart from work – including reading weeks, regular hospitality, a cricket team and a clergy walking group. Further suggestions are welcome.
- We offer free counselling to clergy and their families through the [Inter Diocesan Counselling Service](#) and our own Diocesan counsellor.
- Clergy Wellbeing is overseen by the Assistant Archdeacon for Clergy Wellbeing, Canon Neil Kelley. In addition, our Dean of Women's Ministry, the Revd Lucie Lunn, offers support and care to female clergy in the Diocese.



Whalley Abbey Centre for Christian Discipleship and Prayer

Appendix 1

2024 Mission action: Five-year plan

A Healthy Church: Transforming our Community

1. To ensure site is fit for purpose.

The quinquennial inspection was undertaken in early 2024 to ensure building safe and fit for purpose.

Upgrade failing heating system (completed 2023)

Upgrade and make safe all paving and access areas in and around church and memorial garden (completed 2023). More work is now required in one area

Upgrade sound systems in church (completed 2024)

Have internet in church for use in services and to allow contactless payment (completed 2024)

Refit and upgrade toilet facilities in church (quotations have been received and grant applications are in process)

Renew and repurpose all notice boards to ensure attractive, up to date and have relevant information for all to access (undertaken 2023)

Refit poorly used “vestry” to become a “kitchen” allowing refreshment after services in church and to allow other groups to use church for meetings.

2. Making disciples of Jesus Christ

To reach out to and serve our community in our worship.

Ensure services are attractive and accessible, sharing our and God’s love and hospitality with all.

Review services, content and type and change to more accessible times. We now have an All-Age service once a month

Look at alternative days and times for services.

To offer services that are more attractive to young people

To have confirmation classes for both adults and young people (commenced 2023 and run in 2024 and 2025)

To offer courses for “seekers” - Start Course in September 2023, already run Lent courses and some Bible study courses.

Raise awareness of where we are and what we offer by posting on the neighbourhood internet services (commenced 2023 and now well established. This is looked after by another of our volunteers)

Ensure our external appearance is tidy, inviting and visible

Extend invitations to all social events to people in our community, personal invitations to those people already attending our meetings and activities

3. Being witnesses to Jesus Christ

To start new “services” in the church building.

Look at removing an unused “Lady Chapel” and using the space to encourage more people to be in our church

Commence Mother and Toddlers group once a week

Look at possibility of starting a community choir

If there are refreshments available, offer an open space for people to drop in for coffee and reading the newspapers several mornings a week (newspapers will be supplied with refreshments)

Offer a place for our young people to come in and watch a film, have some refreshment

4. Growing leaders for Jesus Christ

Encourage lay leadership of worship- offer training, support and encouragement in service leadership and planning and intercessions

Establish and encourage more prayer groups, both in church and at other venues

Encourage young people to lead intercessions and services in church (this is now done on a regular basis)

Encourage learning for all

Ensure ongoing confirmation classes, courses for “seekers”, home and church prayer groups, bible classes

5. Inspiring Children and Young People to raise up a new generation for Christ

Ensure services are attractive and accessible, sharing our and God’s love and hospitality with all

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Continue excellent relationship with school, encouraging visits to our church for services and growing a team to visit school on a regular basis

Establish “Open the book” in school (lending library now established to the rear of the church)

Offer a place for our young people to come in and watch a film, and have some refreshment