

Vision 2018

Priority 3 – To Encourage Transition

It's a sign of a growing church that people are getting involved in many different ways and are helping others to feel welcome here.

We see signs of growth with more church members helping at Family Time service, and also with school Confirmation preparation and visits.

We continue to work closely with All Saints school and Sue also takes assemblies at Shevington Vale.

Sue and Diane visit Little Saints and Little Acorns regularly to talk with the adults and children.

The floral displays in church at Harvest, Christmas and Easter have helped to engage visiting children.

Our Church For Kids children help lead the July Family Time service to encourage those over four to join Church For Kids.

Parade services are planned involving our uniformed groups.

All Saints takes an active part in events organised by the wider Appley Bridge community.

Next steps

God is growing His church here and there are signs of new shoots and new ideas everywhere.

Please pray and if you have any ideas to help strengthen community links with our church then do share them!

Your part in the future

So what's my part in the future?

1. First of all, enjoy being part of what God is doing here.
2. Pray regularly for our church, for one another, and for God's grace and guidance on us, and if you have idea or skills to offer speak to Sue, Diane, Sara, or one of the wardens or deputies.
3. Prayerfully review your own financial giving.
 - If possible give by Standing Order or join the weekly envelope scheme (just ask Jen our Treasurer for details)
 - If you have any questions about giving or our finances, please just ask, see the Church Finances section of our website or speak to Sue, Jen or one of our wardens.

We believe that our progress is an answer to prayer, so please persist in prayer for our church and its mission.

God is faithful, and as we pray and walk together He will help us to celebrate His goodness as we continue to grow in faith together.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

All Saints' Church Appley Bridge



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Welcome to our 2018 Vision update.

We thank God for His faithfulness over this last year; it's been wonderful to see the ways in which God is working here at All Saints Church. There is much to celebrate.

This vision update will provide you with news on the progress made so far, and highlight what we believe are the next steps in our Church's vision for 2018.

As we read, let's give thanks that we have a place in God's Church and in His work here at All Saints.

May God bless and inspire you

Sue

Mission Action Plan

Our Mission Action Plan (MAP)

In September 2017 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) updated our Mission Action Plan, setting the following key priorities for 2017-2019;

1. To become sustainable

- To become financially stable
- To develop succession planning for key roles
- To increase lay participation and leadership

2. To grow in faith together

- To grow in unity between generations
- To encourage people to release their gifts
- To grow in faith, prayer and unity

3. To encourage transition

To build bridges between children's groups in church and community to ease transition and progression in faith

Our aims for Sept 2017-Sept 2018 were;

1. Project Daybreak – to break even financially.
2. To increase the overlap between our Family Time and 10.45 services
3. To identify and equip people who can enable transition between church and community groups

This news update will tell you how we're doing and what our next steps are.

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Priority 1 - To become sustainable

In October 2017 we launched Project Daybreak with the aim of breaking even financially by April 2018.

- We had a successful Project launch and Gift Evening.
- 5 people have begun giving by Standing order.
- The Diocese have reviewed our figures & given us a one-off support grant + a reduced 2018 Parish Share
- We have gained income by renting our building to a community choir and a Diocesan training course.
- We have given generously to overseas mission with the Harvest Supper and Big Brekkie Christian Aid.

The good news is ...

That with these strong steps forward our 2018 budget projects a short fall of only £500. We thank God for this good news.

Our challenge for 2018 is to continue to increase our financial giving to break even and to meet rising inflation costs, so that we can build up a healthier reserve for building issues and to enable mission.

Next steps

Please prayerfully review how much you give to support the church, and if possible give weekly by standing order or the envelope scheme.

We will continue to keep spending to a minimum, and keep costs down. We will also seek to develop mid week rental space in the church building to increase income.

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Priority 2 - To grow in faith together

- To grow in faith together
- To grow in unity between generations
- To encourage people to release their gifts

We have much to celebrate!

Our 10.45 and Family Time congregations are beginning to blend together across the generations and grow together.

Our Church For Kids and Girls Friendly Society young people have helped to lead some of our special services.

Congregation members of all ages are reading lessons and leading intercessions in our services.

A blossoming all age music group has assisted our excellent long standing choir in leading worship, and we look forward to more.

The robing room has been prepared for crèche provision, also allowing us to offer space for rental income.

We are developing a team of wardens and deputies to allow each to use their gifts. New members will be joining our PCC.

Next steps

Let's continue what we're doing – it's going well!

If you have a gift or skill to offer, or would just like to get more involved, please speak to Sue, Sara, Diane or any of the wardens or deputy wardens. You will be most welcome!