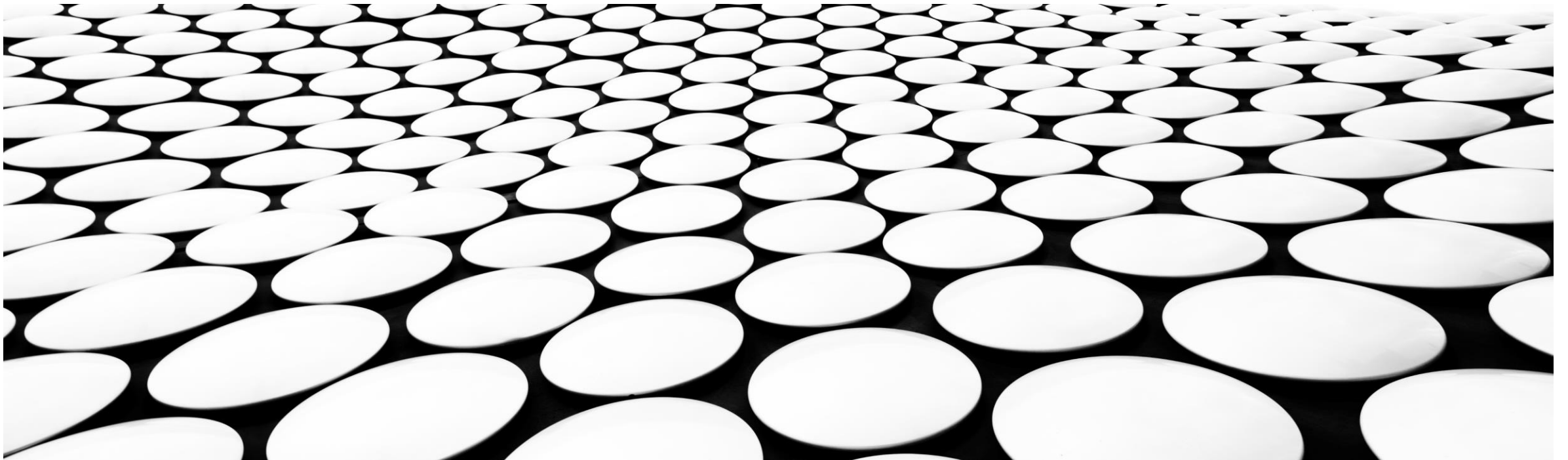

CHURCH 2030

CREATING VISION FOR THE BEAMINSTER AREA TEAM FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS



CHURCH 2030

Consultations with all our churches and communities

Hybrid church and planning now for the future – going back to our thinking from 2019 but also shaped by the past 18 months.



Covid and increased online presence

WHAT WE DO NOW AND THE THINGS WE DO WELL

In Church

- Worship
- Baptisms, wedding, funerals
- Mums and toddlers
- Youth band practice in the church
- Eco church
- Messy Church
- Churchyard care
- Choirs
- Concerts/music/events
- Walk in Wednesday
- Community of the Annunciation

In school

- School governance,

- school engagement
- collective worship
- after school club
- RE and SIAMS support

In the community

- Café fellowship
- Online presence/Facebook community
- Prayer walks
- Visibility – everyone knows you go to church
- Charity support
- Small groups
- Intergenerational activities
- Study courses eg Pilgrim, Bible

course

- Team News
- Holiday activities for young people
- Training for placement students
- Pastoral care of local businesses
- Social activities/fundraising
- Food bank
- Church office
- Pastoral support
- Charity trustees
- Village Halls
- Visiting

Where are you in this?

THE THINGS WE STRUGGLE WITH, DON'T DO OR COULD DO BETTER

- Christian youth engagement
- A comprehensive programme of discipleship
- Prayer activity that is wider than just the committed few
- Social justice/campaigning/prophetic voice/engagement with big issues
- Consistent teamwide follow up for baptisms, weddings, funerals
- Variety of worship
- More community activities
- Pastoral care (this appears on both lists)
- Communications
- Too much God.
- Christian stewardship

Are there other things you would add?

AND FINALLY – WHAT STANDS IN OUR WAY TO DOING MORE OR BEING BETTER

- Financial cost of buildings
- Buildings not fit for purpose.
- Overwhelming bureaucracy
- Lack of confidence to share our faith story.
- Acknowledging the need to do something but not having the knowledge /ability/resources/desire/strength in numbers to actually do it.
- Not having the vision
- Not seeing ourselves as part of a bigger picture/vision
- Parochialism
- Present leadership style
- Weary/tiredness and lack of enthusiasm- we only want Sundays

Where do we go from here? This is not about failure but about being better together.

FOR DISCUSSION

- The things we do well - where are you in this?
- The things we don't do well - are there other things you would add?
- The things that get in our way - where do we go from here?

VISION OF THE BUFFET, THE BANQUET, THE FEAST – SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN THE BEAMINSTER TEAM

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.” Matthew 25:35 (NLT)

Discuss

How does this image resonate with you?
How can we offer a wide variety for our community both locally and across the whole team?
What is your role in this?



THIS IS OUR CALLING AS BAPTISED CHRISTIANS

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your heart(s) through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen.

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION OFFER US A FRAMEWORK FOR WHAT NEXT

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

AND FINALLY

15 churches:
one
community



Vocation –
what are
you called
to?

Lives shaped
by God:
Father, Son
and Holy Spirit