

The Parish of Southbourne-on-Sea was formed in April 2026.

At our Parish Vision Day we identified three ambitions that would help us to grow as disciples and so to serve the people of Southbourne.

By God's grace bringing hope and purpose to His world.

The following ambitions all rely on the sound management of our buildings and finances.



Called to build for the kingdom of God in Southbourne by being:

A Welcoming Church

A Worshipping Church

A Wondrous Church



**Mission
Action Plan
2026**

Ambition one

Be a welcoming church

Our desire is that our parish will become a vibrant place of community, celebrating our shared faith in Christ.

Specifically, we will:

Properly welcome newcomers

We will be considered and intentional in the welcome we give. Our communication will be clear and helpful and readily available.



Spend 'family' time together

We will really focus on fostering relationships with one another. We recognise that in families sometimes we meet in small groups, but we also commit to hosting events relevant and attractive to the whole church family.

Engage with our community

We will fully engage with and serve the life of the community in which we're set.

Ambition two

Be a worshipping church

Our desire is that we increasingly become a place where people can grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Parish worship

We are committed to providing a range of worship in the parish that is varied and dynamic and always to the very best of our ability.

The worship at St Nicholas' Church will be particularly shaped with an eye to those who have little or no church experience. Elsewhere we will soak in the richness of our various traditions.

Personal discipleship

We will encourage engagement with scripture and prayer in our worship and in private study.

We will hold an Alpha course in Autumn 2026 and from that augment our existing small groups.

Our small group study will be unified and everyone will be encouraged to engage in a way that suits them.

By Christmas 2027 we aim to have a majority of adults in small groups.

Ambition three

Be a wondrous church

Our desire is that our parish will be a place of wonder and fun for children and families.



Build links

We will build on the great links with children and families through the school, voluntary organisations, and our own activities, Small Saints, Crafty Sunday, and Messy Church.

Provide safe growing places

We will provide safe places for families to grow together in relationship with each other and with Christ.

We will provide imaginative worship experiences in a variety of settings and at a variety of times.

We will continue to encourage St Katharine's pupils to lead our worship and take their own steps of faith.

By Christmas 2027 we hope to see an increase in the numbers of people confirmed.