

We seek to make Jesus known in Westbury by being a confident, joyful & prayerful community

Philippians 1:4-6 - I am constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

A: We are growing in our relationship with Christ

Colossians 1 10 - so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

What does this look like?

- We seek to make Jesus known by knowing him ourselves
- We are confident about sharing the good news of Christ with others
- We are continuously improving their relationship with God

B: We are seen to be relevant by the community

Philippians 1:5 - We partner with others in the community as we share with God in extending the Kingdom of God in our communities
“Creative partnerships in local mission”

What does this look like?

- The Parish Hall is the centre of our community’s life
- We have a refurbished Hall
- The Friday Night Fun Club is thriving
- We have a families and children’s worker
- The church is being used for musical and cultural events which generate income and support the cultural life of our community
- Our church is being used ecumenically.
- We have good relations with all Christian denominations within the community of Westbury as members of WACT
- We work with partners to address the social needs of our community which has a high degree of social deprivation
- We have grown our community links and groups in the community enthusiastically approach the church for collaboration and partnering together to support our community
- There are a wide range of events for all ages and stages

C: We will promote care for creation & consider the environmental impact of all our events and activities.

The fifth mark of mission invites us to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
“Championing climate justice”

What does this look like?

- A nature area which can be used by the community.
- We will take into consideration the environmental impact of all our events and activities
- We will promote care for creation with church members and those who we come into contact with

D: Our churches are welcoming to all

Luke 15 - We welcome all who come among us as the Father welcomed the lost son).

We want to build a kingdom community which is prayerful and encouraging of all, building one another up in the way of Christ.

What does this look like?

- The church space has been re-ordered to give more flexibility-
- Families who often lead our worship
- We have a varied pattern of worship
- Long-standing church members know that they are also valued and do not feel left behind
- We have a thriving musical life with a variety of music styles
- We provide services, events and support for families.
- We are seen as a church for all ages and stages
- Our church is always warm (eco church considerations) and welcoming
- Our churches are accessible to all

E: Westbury Parish is sustainable and efficient (well resourced)

We are the body of Christ - 1 Corinthians 12

Every member is encouraged to discern and use their gifts for the whole. - 2 Corinthians 8

Each person is encouraged to be good stewards of their gifts, time and resources.

“Financing the future sustainably”

What does this look like?

- We have more admin support, freeing others up to do other things
- We are successful at raising funds through giving, grants, fund raising events, legacies etc
- Our church members are encouraged to use their gifts as appropriate and contribute generously to church life
- We are working to our strengths
- Services are well attended, and our numbers are growing
- We have new members
- There is great communication between the churches, the Team, the clergy and the congregations
- Our church groups are thriving and well attended creating a strong social network and supporting the work of the church
- Our successes are shared and celebrated
- We are prayerful as we come together and work together on making decisions
- Encouraging, supporting and challenging our members to become involved in our community using their gifts and build future leaders