

# 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, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> 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

*'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'. (Colossians 1 10)*

**What does this look like?**

- Our members are confident about talking about their faith with others.
- Provide opportunities for members to give testimony of their faith to others.
- Focus on what it means to be a Christian

## B: We are seen to be relevant by the community

*We partner with others in the community as we share with God in extending the Kingdom of God in our communities (Phil 1:5)*

**What does this look like?**

- Our newly refurbished Parish Hall is the centre of our community's life
- The church is in use every day by church and non-church groups
- We continue to support the Friday Night Fun Club
- We have a families and children's worker in the parish
- The church is a cultural centre supporting a wide range of events
- We work ecumenically across Westbury
- We work with a wide range of community partners to support our community

## **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.*

**What does this look like?**

- We have a nature area available to the local community in the churchyard
- 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**

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

*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.
- We have 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 and 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.*

*Each person is encouraged to be good stewards of their gifts, time and resources (2 Corinthians 8).*

### **What does this look like?**

- **We have more administrative support to enable our clergy and leaders to work effectively**
- **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**