

Frenchay Parish Church

Knowing God - Showing God - Sharing God



The parish vision statement, 'Knowing God, Showing God, Sharing God', remains the focus of what we, the people of God in this parish, are called to be and do.

At this time, we are considering afresh how God is calling us to see this vision realised. We recognise that developing a long-term strategy is difficult in the current climate, so are choosing to make the following commitments which would see us take steps towards inhabiting that vision more fully over the coming years.

Progress in each area will be reviewed regularly, and tangible, achievable next steps discerned and agreed.

In this time of Coronavirus and the immediate aftermath, Frenchay Parish Church commits to:

PRAY: Praying for each other, for our parish, for Gods kingdom and for those in need.

CARE: Supporting one another practically, socially and spiritually and extending that care to all those in our parish, especially who are struggling for whatever reason.

RESPOND: Being attentive to the changing landscape and needs of our community, responding appropriately in love, service and provision of prayer and worship opportunities.

As we look to the future, Frenchay Parish Church discerns a calling to:

DISCIPLESHIP: Growing as disciples that follow regular patterns of prayer and worship, live lives of everyday faith and naturally share our faith with others.

COMMUNITY: Being an active church at the heart of this community. Developing unity with other believers.

CARE: Strengthening the bonds of fellowship between us and extending this kindness, support and hospitality to others. Caring for creation.

OUTREACH: Making the Good News of Jesus Christ known through our words and deeds and passing on the baton of faith the younger generations.

In 2021 we intend to undertake the following in order to inhabit this vision:

DISCIPLESHIP:

1. Run a teaching/preaching series exploring everyday faith and whole-life discipleship.
2. Run the 'Inspiring Music in Worship' RSCM course for choir and congregation
3. These above courses, including Lent Course, to be expanded by Zoom

COMMUNITY:

1. To foster and deepen benefice relationships through our trips to Lee Abbey and other activities.
2. Use the diocesan Church School Link Award tool to further deepen and develop our links with our local CofE school.
3. Develop use of the community halls Frenchay Village and St Elizabeth's Hambrook, actively seeking out partner organisations who may be able to use the halls to provide services to support the local community.
4. Continue to contribute a Minister's Letter and other church information to Frenchay Community News, thereby taking the Christian message into all homes in Frenchay
5. work closely with other Christian churches and Frenchay community groups (including eco-related groups) and with Councillors.

CARE:

1. Continue, expand and coordinate the 'care lines'. Anyone who wishes to receive a regular caring communication and contact can give and receive this, accompanied by an offer of prayer and/or practical support.
2. Achieve Silver level Eco-Church award and explore with the DAC and others how to make the church environmentally friendly. The possibility of installing solar panels on the church; expressing a commitment to care for creation.

OUTREACH:

1. Support the development of *Tiny time*. Find additional ways to promote this group and invite new parents to attend. Regularly invite families who come to Tiny time to also attend Messy Church. Read and consider the findings of the recent 'Talking Toddlers' research by HOPE Together and the diocesan 'Toddler Groups as Mission' booklet.
2. Seek further ways to support the local care home with regular communion services and spending time listening to residents.
3. We will pursue audio-visual capability, ensuring that children and young families are nurtured and developed.