



# Christ Church Gravesend

## God's call to Christ Church 2017 - 2020

Your Parish Church Council (PCC) have come together over the past few months to consider our mission for the next four years

After a period of listening and discernment the following objectives have been identified



# Building our church's future, whilst valuing our past as we grow with Christ

- ✦ Encourage full participation and vocation
- ✦ Annual opportunities for spiritual refreshment including a Parish Retreat
- ✦ Have a shortened 10am service followed by differentiated learning opportunities, four times per year
- ✦ Activities for children 11+ years every half term
- ✦ Hold worship services and attend outside events specifically tailored for young people in partnership with the other cluster churches



## A church with big windows and open doors, going out in love into the wider community

- ✦ Have a bold statement of welcome
- ✦ Ensure everyone feels welcomed and valued
- ✦ Go out and engage with our local community
- ✦ Repeat the “Experiences” on a four year cycle
- ✦ Schedule a wide range of regular social events to reach out into the community



## Making Christ Church a welcoming and inclusive place for all – with no exceptions

- ✦ Regularly review our worship services to ensure there is something for everyone
- ✦ Encourage welcome and fellowship after services
- ✦ Every new member of the congregation to be visited within 6 months of coming to church, and offer support to those we have lost contact with
- ✦ Support for those with dementia, linking with “Anna Chaplaincy”
- ✦ Improved accessibility to the church grounds



# Communicating Christ and the Christian life in the digital age

- ✦ Improve communication including updating the church website
- ✦ Highlight pastoral support links on our website
- ✦ Audio visual resources in church



As we work through this mission plan we will consider change to the layout of the church



## Our challenge

- ✦ We recognise this will be a challenge which will only be met with God's help and the support and commitment of everyone at Christ Church.
- ✦ If you have any questions please speak to a member of the PCC or the Committees who will be glad to answer your questions.
- ✦ Your suggestions for practical help are most welcome. If you would like to be more involved in these objectives, or any aspect of life at Christ Church, please speak to a member the church staff or PCC. Our church contact details are:

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