

Vision Meetings Update

July 2019

All of the suggestions in this exercise are feasible. But more than anything else we need to work together as one body and inspire more people to become part of our community. We also need to encourage those who are on the fringes of the church to become more involved and committed.

Please pray for this as the process develops.

Taken from the conversations and comments from the initial meetings the overall aims of the vision are as follows:

- To Grow and develop a **united Community**, praising God **(A)**
- To **reach out** into the Parish **(B)**
- **To nurture and empower** our community and grow in our faith **(C)**
- To make **new disciples** **(D)**
- To make our **buildings more adaptable** and receptive to future needs. **(E)**

Having grouped together all the ideas that came from the vision meetings in Stage 1 we have now sifted the ideas; to ensure they contribute to our overall aims; and then put them into 2 groups.



Group 1

Things that we can begin or continue to develop within the next 2 years

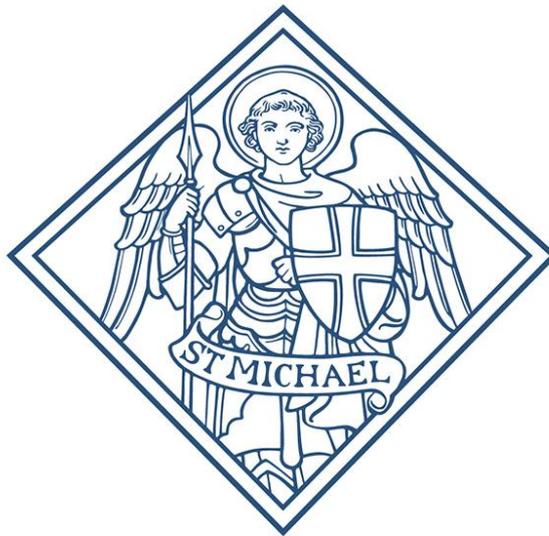
1. A programme of Social events with hospitality **A**
2. Trial combined services which include all congregations rather than just 9.30 and 11.15 **A**
3. Succession planning **C**
4. Review the number of services **C**
5. Begin a mid-week service after school **B D**
6. Provide a drop in for parents before school ends **B D**
7. Annual pet service **A B D**
8. Begin a service for those with memory loss **A B**
9. Regular study Groups **A C**
10. Increase the number of home groups **A B D**
11. Follow up from occasional offices particularly baptism services **B D**
12. Strengthen links with the schools **B D**
 - a. Include pupils work from church schools on our internal noticeboards **B D**
 - b. Increase space by moving church children's work to new noticeboard in back of church **E**
13. Work towards becoming more 'green'. Recycling in the meeting room **E**
14. Install plain glass doors at the entrance to the meeting room to increase visibility **B E ***

** this may take longer than 2 years to complete depending on planning and resources.*
15. Replace and update noticeboards and signage **B D E**
16. Build more storage into back of church for children's work resources **E**
17. Explore additional options for All Saints Church to increase the use of the building for outreach and new expressions of worship **A B D E**
18. Prayer and play at All Saints **B**

Group 2

Things that will need time, more planning and resources before we can make a start, but that we hope to see within the next 5 years

1. Leadership training **C**
2. Make a space for the church youth group to meet **C**
3. Flexible seating and set up in St. Michael's church **C E**
4. Replace the heating system in St. Michael's **C E**
5. Set up a Friends of St. Michael's (& All Saints) (contributing to costs) **E**



St. Michael's, Verwood
& All Saints, Three Legged Cross