

Netherexe Parishes Mission Action Plan

As rural parishes, we recognise that each church is uniquely located and has the opportunity to provide a significant Christian presence for the villages we serve. Our mission statement is:

Growing the Love of God in Our Communities

We have also adopted the Diocesan vision of: Growing in prayer; making new disciples; and serving the people of Devon with joy. Using the illustration of a triangle to review our current practice, our action plan will use: Worship, Grow, Connect as the three key strands for each parish's goals.

Our aim for the next five years across our mission community will be to:

Worship:

- To review how our churches are used when open during the week by visitors, and look at resources that might encourage prayer and reflection.
- To review the variety of services we offer across the mission community.

Grow:

- To encourage and train existing and new leaders for our acts of worship, including reading and intercessions
- To welcome families by developing children's resources that can be accessible in our churches for when children and families are present

Connect:

- To train pastoral carers and strengthen links between pastoral visiting and prayer in the church
- To develop a prayer card that can be left after pastoral visits made by clergy or laity.
- To develop a stronger link with the primary schools
- To continue our pattern of community activities, engaging with the elderly and isolated and provide opportunities for spiritual engagement

Brampford Speke

Worship:

- To review the current family service and consider the way forward.
- To review how the church is used when open during the week and look at resources that might encourage visitors to pray.

Grow:

- to increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services.
- To look at suitable children's resources that can be made available in church.

Connect:

- To look at how the well-attended festival services can be improved and maximized.

Cadbury

Worship:

- To review how the church is used when open during the week and look at resources that might encourage visitors to pray.

Grow:

- To encourage more people to take on roles of responsibility in services.
- To look at suitable children's resources that can be made available in church.

Connect:

- To improve the connection between pastoral visiting and church intercessions
- To improve the facilities in the church

<p>Newton St Cyres</p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To look at how the music and choir can be utilized in other ways and experiment with new styles. <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services. To improve the children’s resources that are available in church. <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a stronger link with the school, possibly through an assemblies/ Open the Book team Train pastoral carers 	<p>Rewe with Netherexe</p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the prayer opportunities at CCC <i>Netherexe</i> – look at how the porch might be used to engage visitors in prayer and reflection <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services. To develop the children’s resources that are available in church. <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop Pizza church To develop the contact with CHAT.
<p>Thorverton</p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the current services. <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To train and develop the people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services. <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a stronger link with the school, possibly through an assemblies/ Open the Book team? Hold a celebration service for 50th anniversary of arts festival and consider the spiritual links that can be made within the festival for visitors. 	<p>Stoke Canon</p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review how the church is used when open during the week and look at resources that might encourage visitors to pray. <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To encourage new people and increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services. To develop the children’s resources that are available in church. <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the connection between pastoral visiting and church intercessions. To consider how some of the bridge events might have a low-key spiritual element (Grace card on the lunch table)
<p>Upton Pyne</p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the current service pattern and decide a way forward. To review how the church is used when open during the week and look at resources that might encourage visitors to pray. <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To looking at suitable children’s resources that can be made available in church. To train and develop people who lead lay led services <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the connection between pastoral visiting and church intercessions. To consider how some of the community events might have a low key spiritual element (use of puzzling questions?) 	<p>Poltimore with Huxham</p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review the current service pattern and decide which services to offer as festival churches <i>Huxham</i> – look at how the porch might be used to engage visitors in prayer <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To looking at suitable children’s resources that can be made available in church. <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To work with friends groups as the pastoral reorganization process continues.