

# 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><b>Newton St Cyres</b></p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To look at how the music and choir can be utilized in other ways and experiment with new styles.</li> </ul> <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services.</li> <li>To improve the children’s resources that are available in church.</li> </ul> <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a stronger link with the school, possibly through an assemblies/ Open the Book team</li> <li>Train pastoral carers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rewe with Netherexe</b></p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review the prayer opportunities at CCC</li> <li><i>Netherexe</i> – look at how the porch might be used to engage visitors in prayer and reflection</li> </ul> <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services.</li> <li>To develop the children’s resources that are available in church.</li> </ul> <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop Pizza church</li> <li>To develop the contact with CHAT.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thorverton</b></p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review the current services.</li> </ul> <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To train and develop the people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services.</li> </ul> <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a stronger link with the school, possibly through an assemblies/ Open the Book team?</li> <li>Hold a celebration service for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of arts festival and consider the spiritual links that can be made within the festival for visitors.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Stoke Canon with Huxham</b></p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review how the church is used when open during the week and look at resources that might encourage visitors to pray.</li> </ul> <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage new people and increase the number of people who read, lead intercessions, take the lay led services.</li> <li>To develop the children’s resources that are available in church.</li> </ul> <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the connection between pastoral visiting and church intercessions.</li> <li>To consider how some of the bridge events might have a low-key spiritual element (Grace card on the lunch table)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upton Pyne</b></p> <p><i>Worship:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review the current service pattern and decide a way forward.</li> <li>To review how the church is used when open during the week and look at resources that might encourage visitors to pray.</li> </ul> <p><i>Grow:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To looking at suitable children’s resources that can be made available in church.</li> <li>To train and develop people who lead lay led services</li> </ul> <p><i>Connect:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the connection between pastoral visiting and church intercessions.</li> <li>To consider how some of the community events might have a low key spiritual element (use of puzzling questions?)</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: right;">August 2023</p>