

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19

What does it mean to be Church in the Itchen Valley?

Our Intentions for the future:

By December 2011 we will have implemented a regular stewardship programme which will support all the activities of the Parish without relying on fundraising events.

By December 2011 we will have appointed a verger for each of the four churches.

By April 2012 we will have adapted and developed the Parish Structure in accordance with the constitution in a way which facilitates more future mutual support across the Parish.

By April 2012 we will have increased the average weekly congregation to 120 adults and children across the three service presently offered and that will have risen again by the end of 2013 to 140.

By December 2012 we will be financially supporting a number of local, national and international charities and special projects.

By December 2012 The Ark will regularly have an average of over 25 children attending

By January 2013 to have explored and made a decision regarding children receiving communion before confirmation

By September 2013 we will have employed a Youth & Children’s Worker possibly in conjunction with the Arle Benefice

By September 2013 we will have regular prayer/Bible Study and Book Groups with 40% of our adult congregation participating

By December 2013 The Tuesday CAMEO lunch and the Friendship Club will have 20+ members



“The church is called to present the unchanging Gospel to an ever-changing world”



"Where there is no vision, the people perish"
Proverbs 29:18 (King James Version)

Our vision...

The Parish of the Itchen Valley is a welcoming, open, vibrant community of all-age followers of Jesus Christ. We are on a journey with God empowered by the Holy Spirit to encourage and equip others to journey with us in the discovery of faith and love. We worship, pray and read the Bible together believing that God will inspire, direct and guide us as we reach out to the Valley and beyond.



We strive to fulfill our vision by:

- offering a range of Sunday services which encompass both traditional and modern elements
- inspiring families and children with the provision of The Ark and Family All-Age Worship
- running regular study groups such as Questions of Faith and Book Clubs
- keeping our four church buildings open daily for people to use devotionally and for regular services
- employing a Director of Music who runs our choir and other music events
- having a calendar of events across the Valley which encourage community fun and involvement
- working and helping with the local schools
- supporting outside charities through special collections and one-off events
- providing Pastoral Visitors who visit and support the ill and the elderly
- running the monthly Friendship Club and Tuesday lunchtime CAMEO
- offering transport to church for more elderly members

"Faith is taking the first
step even when you don't
see the whole staircase "
Martin Luther King