

# St Helen's and St Peter's Vision 2016-2020

We will be  
Christian  
communities



We are working on the next phase of our Vision during 2020. The PCC has chosen a range of areas to focus on during the year.

If any of these – set out on p.3 of this leaflet – are things that you would like to help develop in our church, please tick it and return the sheet. The Vision team will connect you with the people organising your selected area(s).

During 2020 we will be considering what are the most useful improvements we can make to our church buildings and incorporating those into a fresh Vision for our church in Wheathampstead for a further 5 years starting in 2021.

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Our Parish Vision started in 2011 and it has seen lots of positive changes at St Helen's and St Peter's, including Coffee in the Chancel, Summer Hampers, a significantly enhanced choir, more variety in our worship (including especially Tea Time Church), proper heating and other improvements to the St Helen's building.

We thank so many willing volunteers for helping these and many other positive things to happen in and around our parish church.

Our Vision sets out our strategic plan for developing particular aspects of our church life. We have a broad set of objectives to make progress with during 2020, some of which are set out opposite.

We will be working during 2020 to refresh our five-year Vision for St Helen's and St Peter's for the years 2021-2025, taking into account:

- our progress so far;
- the Diocese's Vision, *Living God's Love*, encouraging us to Go Deeper into God, Transform Communities and Make New Disciples with Generosity and Joy, Imagination and Courage;
- our decisions on how to develop the St Helen's building; and
- a review of our village community and the parish church's place in it.

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Here are some of our Vision priorities for 2020. Do you have a passion for any of them? Would you like to be involved in one or more of them? If so, please tick them and return this half of the leaflet.

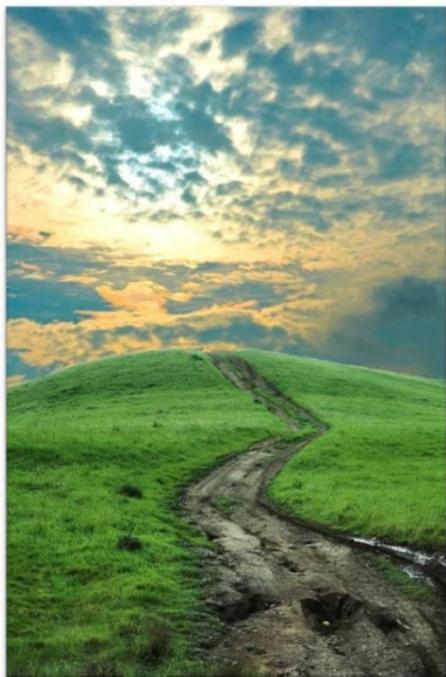
- Developing Home Communion
- Strengthening the role of prayer in our lives
- Helping to involve young people more in church activities
- Raising environmental awareness in the church and village
- Improving the welcome we give to people coming to church
- Growing Junior choir
- Helping at Wednesday afternoon Donuts group for Year 7s
- Helping with Summer Holiday club
- Hosting or leading house groups or short discussion courses
- Bringing the standard Orders of Service up to date, particularly taking advantage of the capabilities of the new screens.
- Helping in other ways with the regular running of our churches

Name.....

Phone/Email.....

Please leave in the box at the back of church, or return to Mel in the Office or to one of the Ministerial Team

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*Living God's Love*

Prayer:

Living God,

Draw us deeper into your love;  
Jesus our Lord,  
send us to care and serve;  
Holy Spirit,  
make us heralds of good news.  
Stir us, strengthen us,  
teach and inspire us  
to live your love  
with generosity and joy,  
imagination and courage;  
for the sake of your world  
and in the name of Jesus,

Amen.

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