

Vision and Mission Action Plan

Through the GRACE of God

The vision and mission action plan here sets out a framework that holds everything together with the current church and the future of God's church in the years ahead. Through this framework, it importantly provides purpose, intentionality, and a focus on who we are as followers of the Lord Jesus, and with it our responsibilities. The vision and Mission Action Plan provide direction, which is rooted in the Bible, from Matthew 28:16-20 (The Great Commission).

The Vision:

"Helping one another to follow Jesus through the GRACE of God"

The vision is an action. It is deliberately participatory, and it involves us together helping one another in our church family, and those exploring the Christian faith, to follow Jesus who 'is the way, the truth and the life'. It draws down from the Great Commission and has Jesus at the centre, with us seeking to follow him, but acknowledging that we need the GRACE of God to do that.

GRACE is in capitals – there is a reason, and this is instrumental in our mission action plan (see below). But first the mission statement supports the vision and serves to identify key priorities for the horizon.

Mission Statement:

- Grow deeper roots of faith
- Reach out with the love of Jesus
- Be attentive to the Holy Spirit's prompting
- Develop children and youth ministry
- Nurture an improved care of God's creation

As I mentioned the word GRACE in the vision is in capitals. GRACE in our vision provides in both senses of the word:

- + A reminder of the Godly gift of Grace.
- + Secondly it offers us an acrostic which helps us remember the church mission action plan.

GRACE Marks of Mission

Glory to God
Respond and Relate
Ability to Access
Committed to Community
Environmental Excellence

Glory to God - Matthew 22:37-38

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment.

- Focus of worship at the heart of our being, public and personal
- Developing and enriching people's rhythms of prayer
- Distinctive worship
- 'The Well' – embedding and growing the new worshipping community
- Developing Leadership for the National & local church
- Encouraging, equipping and empowering new lay leadership
- Prayer Ministry
- Schools Ministry
- Welcoming people to church

Respond and Relate - John 4:10

'Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

- Biblical Teaching
- Ministry to Children
- Ministry to Young People
- Pray and respond 18-30's
- Develop a ministry to retired/ elderly and lonely
- Offering Christian Enquiries courses (Alpha)
- Nurture New Believers
- Develop further Bible/ Fellowship (Home) groups
- Being Missional and Supporting Missionaries and Christian Organisations including; Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), OMF and Open Doors (serving the persecuted church).

Ability to Access – Matthew 7:7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you".

- Physical Access (Dersingham church re-imagining plans)
 - Welcome
 - Worship
 - Accessible Toilet Facilities
 - Hospitality
- Emotional Access
 - Those with Additional Needs
 - Those living and caring with Dementia
 - Domestic abuse
- Spiritual Access
 - Developing Online Worship
 - Pilgrim visitors

Committed to Community – Matthew 22:39

Jesus replied: "And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself".

- A robust safeguarding culture
- Pastoral Team
- Babybasics (based here from St Nicholas)
- King's Lynn Night Shelter
- Foodbank
- Speaking up against Domestic Abuse

Environmental Excellence – Psalm 24:1-2

"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters".

- Environmental Advice Group
- Environmental Audit
- Care for God's creation
- Campaigning
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This is the Mission Action Plan giving the headlines and intentionality. Below are the 'Outcomes of GRACE'. This offers an insight into what the realised prayerful expectation may look like through the GRACE of God, as we seek to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Outcomes of GRACE

Prayerful expectations through GRACE may produce:

Glory to God

- New Leaders taking their place in worship and preaching
- Worship and prayer lives being enriched
- Depth in prayer ministry

- Stronger and fruitful school relationships
- Established and fruitful ministry through 'the Well' and Café

Respond and Relate

- Christians better equipped to share their God story (speak naturally of their faith)
- The equipping and increased ministry to children and young people
- Increased ministry to those retired, elderly and lonely
- Growth of encouraging and nurturing new believers and them to take their place in the body of Christ
- Nurturing and baptising new believers

Ability to Access

- Improved Accessible Toilets and Baby changing
- Enhanced welcome with new see-through doors
- New catering facilities for worship and hospitality
- Improved visual church worship facilities
- Improved online provision with interaction
- Pilgrim walk available and publicised

Committed to Community

- Promote and implement best safeguarding practice and maintain commitment to safeguarding training.
- Increased awareness of Pastoral Team
- Increased partnerships with local healthcare professionals
- Tell the story of Babybasics
- Development of partnership with Night shelter

Environmental Excellence

- Develop biblical understanding of environmental stewardship
- Work towards Eco-church awards
- Promote good practice locally and regionally
- Environmental energy sourcing
- Campaign for environmental issues

We pray that God's vision for His church will enable us to be:
 "Helping one another to follow Jesus through the **GRACE** of God".

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