

IN DISCIPLESHIP

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# GROWTH PLAN

Name of Parish or Benefice:

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NECTON**

Incumbent: The Reverend Stephen Thorp

Readers: Mr Gordon Copsey  
Mrs Carole Hicks

Retired clergy: The Reverend Brian Brown  
The Reverend Patrick Foreman  
The Reverend Clive Grinham  
The Reverend Dee Loxley

Other Ministry Team members:

Completed on: 17th January 2011

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## IN DISCIPLESHIP

How do we enable the people of Christ to fulfil their part in God's mission; teaching, baptising and nurturing believers?

### **What are the good things we are already doing?**

We worship together regularly with services which will appeal to and encourage all age groups  
The monthly Alive @ 10 is an all-age service.

The children and young people meet in their age-appropriate groups during the services

The teenage group (Necton Navigators) meet twice a month on a Sunday afternoon at the Rectory  
Homegroups meet fortnightly for fellowship and Bible study. There is 1 group which meets during the day and 4 groups in the evening

Christianity explored and discipleship explored courses have been held.

During Lent there are weekly Lent Communion services with a talk, followed by fellowship

Men's Breakfasts are held bi-monthly on a Saturday morning with different speakers talking about varying aspects of faith

There is a monthly prayer meeting .

A book stall is held during the year from which people can purchase new books

Messy Church

Bi monthly Celebrate at 6 with fresh forms of worship.

Discipleship aspect of ministry - possibly strongest part of Necton's ministry; discussion re ministry from the pulpit - good variety of styles/variety of formats.

### **What else is God wanting for us?**

Be emboldened to explore new forms and styles of service to reach out to the community

Expansion and growth within Alive @ 10

Form a Music/Singing group

The children and young people's work need more helpers

Encourage Necton Navigators to grow and expand with the addition of more helpers

Develop the Homegroups further with more members of the congregation belonging to one

A deeper commitment to prayer with more people seeking to pray together at the monthly prayer meeting and more people seeking a prayer partner

Development of the book stall

Faithful and realistic giving including Gift Aid

### **What can we do this year?**

Celebration @ 6 - informal style service- continue to develop

Messy Church - continue to develop

Alive @ 10 – continue to develop all-age worship with a change of emphasis

Church prayer meeting - Try Thursday evening (not fellowship group night), 'Coffee and prayer' (with cakes).

Giving - to be encouraged this year; faithful and realistic giving.

Ministry Team of clergy and lay people - possibly form one (wider than just the preaching team)

Young people - significant difficulties with this work - not able to provide sufficient teachers and helpers. Pray for leaders to come forward.

## IN SERVICE

How best can we respond to human need by loving service?

How do we safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

How should we seek to transform the unjust structures of society?

### **What are the good things we are already doing?**

Beginning to explore youth service for the village ie. open invitation on 'Link' to join Navigators  
Involvement with the village ie. attending Parish Council meetings

Social and community activities such as carol singing, coffee mornings held at the church, the yearly Flower Festival,

PCC members are active on the primary school governing body

Communion is taken to the Grange residential home if required.

We are a Fair Trade Church

Actively trying to incorporate the Diocesan Environmental policy into all the affairs of the church.

Supporting various mission organisations both in this country and overseas

Publicising church activities through 'Link' and the website.

Organise village Fete jointly with the Village hall committee.

Sound system has been reviewed and sermons are being recorded

New outside Notice board bought.

### **What else is God wanting for us?**

Continue to explore youth service for the village and the church

Become more involved with the village in every way

Enlarge our social and community outreach activities

Continue involvement with the Primary School

Develop the pastoral care to The Grange

Develop a Pastoral Committee to help with pastoral care including baptisms, weddings and funerals

Further attention to our environmental impact

Make sermons available to Congregation via web site and CD's

Inform congregation and visitors about Clergy, Lay Readers and PCC by putting up photos.

Continue to assess, develop and expand 'Link' and the website

### **What can we do this year?**

Bereavement - possibly get involved in village pub with bereavement group/put on annual bereavement service (Necton demographics show large elderly population)

Social activities – stay involved with Village Fete

- stay involved with school

- need to be involved at The Grange again (communion service etc)

Continue to develop Website and 'Link.'

Consider parenting course and/or marriage course - all require helpers.

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How are we proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom?

### **What are the good things we are already doing?**

The preaching and teaching is relevant and practical to help us live out lives of faith  
 Our church is open daily with a welcoming light in the porch  
 Evangelistic and historical leaflets are available in the church  
 Men's Breakfast is involved in outreach to the wider community  
 Personal baptism and wedding preparation  
 Work in Necton Primary School (see Service as well)  
 Messy Church bimonthly  
 Newcomers tea held  
 New outside Notice Board and banners to advertise services and events.

### **What else is God wanting for us?**

Develop different types of service for outreach  
 Continue to develop Newcomers' Teas for those new to the village  
 Develop an Enquirer's corner in church  
 Develop the role of the Baptism Secretary  
 Continue to develop the work in the school (see Service as well)

### **What can we do this year?**

Celebration @ 6 - continue to develop  
 Messy Church - continue to develop where it is (it will not become a Sunday congregation)  
 Christianity Explored - possibly put on another course  
 Coffee mornings - possibly arrange more often with a different group of people. Emphasise social aspect, not the money-making aspect.