

Vicar's Blog

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What next?

January marks the start of our focus on preparation for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in April. The meeting is similar to an annual meeting of shareholders for a charity or some commercial enterprises. All church members are invited to the meeting at which they approve the appointment of key people including Churchwardens and members of the Church Council.

During our APCM, we can give thanks for what we have achieved and ensure we have a shared understanding of the opportunities and challenges ahead. So we shall assess our priorities for the coming year, based on our vision for Holy Trinity Longlevens, which may include new initiatives or the further development of initiatives that are under way.

Our Church Vision is:

At Holy Trinity we strive to be:

A growing and vibrant church with an open door, enabling us to take God's love into the community and to welcome and nourish with God's love all who enter.

Just as I have loved you, also you should love one another – John 13.24

Taste and see that the Lord is good – Psalm 34.8

The growth of our pastoral team and the improvement of the acoustics in the Church Hall are examples of developments that contribute to the realisation of our vision.

As we reflect on our progress and make decisions on our next steps moving forward towards this vision our prayers and decisions will also be guided by the words of Jesus:

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10.10.

This is a vision for you. You can be part of this.

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