

Vision for Christ Church

As part of the Body of Christ in St. Albans

Christ Church is called to be an *ALL AGE COMMUNITY*
on a *SHARED JOURNEY OF FAITH*
making *THE EDGE THE CENTRE*

By this we mean that we will work to be:

A community

a church where *all can come and belong* and where

- there is a place for people of all backgrounds
- there is a place for people with disability
- there is a place for people at all stages of faith
- each person is valued, their unique gifts appreciated and used
- each person is cared for especially in time of need

particular attention being given to having an all age focus and allowing newcomers to be central to our life together.

taking its spiritual life seriously

a church in which *we are on a journey together* learning

- to know and worship Jesus in experience and in truth
- to foster faith in all
- to develop spiritual disciplines, especially prayer and Bible study
- to expect God's presence and activity
- to nurture and use the gifts of the Spirit
- to become submissive, obedient and responsive to God
- to expect healing whilst growing through suffering

committed to a life of mission

a church where *outreach* to those on the edge of faith (and beyond) is at the centre of our life together

- focusing beyond ourselves to our parish and diverse networks
- being convinced that each person's response to Jesus matters
- supporting and creating mission opportunities beyond our locale

Our life together will be shaped by this vision in conjunction with

Christ Church Values

recognising the uniqueness and dignity of each individual
prioritising the building of relationships
listening for and obeying the voice of Christ

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