



St Peter's Church
Irthlingborough

Kingdom Building

Our plan for the future.....

Introduction

In April 2012 approximately fifty members of the congregation, of all ages and backgrounds, and from all the different ‘congregations’ and traditions in the church, accepted an invitation to join together for lunch and express their hopes and wishes for St Peter’s in the future.

Joy was expressed as you what we were already good at, and it was imagined what we would like a future St Peter’s Church to look like. Ideas and thoughts were then raised about what we would have to do, to be that church. A million and one thoughts were raised, some wide ranging and ‘monumental’ in scale! Others smaller and practical, all however pointed to the wish for growth and development.

Two small groups then worked on these ideas to distil them into some shape and meaning that was possible to work into a development plan. This was presented to the PCC on the 21st May 2012 and accepted, and future development of our church will be guided by this plan.

The Kingdom

The Kingdom is a phrase used by Jesus, to describe the will of God in the world. Time and time he calls people to come and we believe, that where there is goodness and mercy and love, there you are likely to see the effects of God will most clearly, there you might say is the Kingdom of God closest to hand. Our call as Christians is to deepen and widen these places so the kingdom can be found easier by more and more people. Hence:

The Plan:

Three broad themes developed out of our vision:

To Build outwardly: ‘COMMUNITY’

To engage with the needs of the community of Irthlingborough and to foster engagement of the community with ourselves.

To build inwardly: ‘COMMUNION’

To build up our relationship with God through prayer, word and love for each other :

To build based on good ‘COMMUNICATION’

To better communicate our message and beliefs to those outside the church, and to improve communication and knowledge of events and groups within the church.

The PCC has therefore set itself the following targets. And has agreed to meet an external facilitator to examine what has or has not been achieved, at each target point, and to formally report back to the congregation on these developments:

	By end of Year 1 Goal	By end of Year 2 Goal	By end of Year 3 Goal
Community	Crèche Facility in S Transept Development of Open Church Policy	Development of AU Room Kitchen and facilities for hospitality	Development of Monks kitchen Drop in Centre Community Facility
Communion	Creation of Pastoral Support Network Review of Worship	Development of Pastoral Teams Faith Development Courses	Review if present ordering of Church is appropriate
Communication	Notice Boards Management Internet Communication Review of internal Communication	New Notice Boards: Car Park AU Room	

With a review each year to assess achievement or not and to develop following years goal.