

## Growing together as Compassionate communities

We will seek to develop our relationships with each other by:

### Great Pastoral Care:

- Developing / growing our Pastoral Care Team
- Visit rather than phone whenever possible

### Great ways of embedding newcomers

- Re-establish the welcome team
- Re-establish weekly coffee fellowship - and invite newcomers
- Forge genuine friendships with newcomers
- Short term study groups e.g. Advent / Lent groups

### Great social events

- Re-establish the fellowship / social committee
- Events that regularly include / involve the wider community

### Great engagement in Church life

- Help everyone discover and use their gifts / talents
- Develop links between Holiday Club & Messy Church / Youth events

### Great Prayer Life

- Re-establish the monthly Prayer meeting
- Develop our Prayer Ministry Team
- Develop more options for Prayer requests
- Establish prayer groups (triplets / small groups?)



## St Giles' Ickenham Mission Action Plan

2023 - 2028

### Vision Statement:

For everybody we encounter to feel the love of God in Christ.

### Mission Objectives:

As a church, to be shaped by Christ's commission in Matthew 28:19 - to be, and to make, disciples of Christ by:



as we follow Christ : grow together : and reach out with compassion

## Values:

- Prayer at the forefront and core of all we do
- Openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- Worship that transforms us to Christ-likeness
- Teaching that is faithful to the Bible
- A commitment to Eco-church & Creation care
- Fellowship that is loving and caring
- Teamwork that encourages all to participate in ministry
- Giving that reflects our response to Christ's love for us
- Belief in an inclusive church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ

(based on the model of church described in Acts 11:19-30)



Wherever possible we aim to pursue our vision statement through our Covenant relationship with the United Reformed Church

## Developing the content of our services

- Regular space for testimonies
- Guest speakers
- Aspiration to have a musical director and choir
- Develop the band / modern worship
- Re-establish Evensong

## Reaching out to our community Creatively

We will seek to develop our relationships with each other by:

Being an Open, Visible, & Inclusive Church, fully engaged with our wider community:

- Church building open whenever possible
- Develop our links with Jack and Jill
- Re-establish links with uniformed groups
- Develop fellowship outreach to the community e.g. our Memory Café
- Develop links with local groups including multicultural / faith

## Youth & Children

- Re-establish Ickenham Churches Holiday Club
- Further develop Messy Church & (open) Youth Group
- Engage with the 'in-between' ages

## Develop our Communication

- Develop / redesign the St Giles' website
- Develop ICN links & appoint Social Media Officer/s
- Develop a range of leaflets / posters / banners for information
- Expand the reach of 'Rector's Ramblings'

## Following Christ as Confident Disciples

We will seek to develop our relationship with God by:

### Nurturing our Youth & Children

- Course to admit children to communion before Confirmation
- Develop a youth support / study group
- Involve more youth and children in leading church services

### Nurturing our Adults with regular opportunities for

- Alpha course
- Bible course
- Confirmation course
- Short term study groups e.g. Advent / Lent groups
- Encouragement to join a regular homegroup and increasing the variety of days / times offered