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APCM: Sunday 10th May 2026



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Let's Celebrate!

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Look forward....



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OPENING PRAYER



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2 parts

- 1) Vestry Meeting
- 2) Annual Parochial Church Meeting



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Vestry Meeting: Chaired by Rev Steve Marsh

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- 1. Opening prayer**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Confirming Church Wardens**
Stu and Katharine



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Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

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1. Presentation of the Electoral Roll

30 Members

Remains the same, as not a year where we need to review it

However, it has become 31, will explain in a moment

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2. Continuing Parochial Church Councillors

The existing PCC members presented for re-election

Steve Marsh	(Chair/ Minister)
Stuart Blofeld	(Churchwarden)
Katharine Reedy	(Churchwarden)
Drew Lewin	(Treasurer)
Philip Nichols	

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2. Continuing Parochial Church Councillors

Team of Mission Enablers (Standing Committee)

Stu (Churchwarden)

Katharine (Churchwarden)

Drew Lewin (Treasurer)



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3. Parochial Church Councillor Stepping Down

Clare Nichols

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4. New Parochial Church Councillor

Kate Rolfe *(hence 31 on the Electoral Roll)*



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for the PCC



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5. The Mission Enablers Report

Stu, Katharine



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MISSION ENABLERS

Reflections on last 12 months
from Katharine and Stu



MISSION

ENABLERS

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Report**

Overview of 2025-26

Highlights:

- Wednesday café
- Holiday drop-ins
- Christmas events
- Community events
- "Just Come Just Be"

Thank you everyone who has got involved and supported all of this





**CHURCH *of the*
GOOD SHEPHERD**

APCM Review of Wednesday cafe

10th May 2026

Wednesday
café:
term-time

Music, Movement & Rhyme

- Now in its 3rd year. Includes Christian songs and Bible stories. Big thanks to Glenda and Emma
- Can be 30+ children
- 'Stay and play' afterwards
- Some parents / grandparents attending as well as childminders



Wednesday café: term-time

Cafe

- A small number of adult regulars – some now involved in other CGS activities too
- Established in the community. Other groups (e.g. Co-op) keen to support us
- Regular visits from NHS colleagues
- Celebrated Warm Welcome week
- Big thanks to Fiona for coordinating things



**Wednesday
Café:**

School holidays



Holiday club

- Holiday drop-ins generally well-attended (up to 60-70 people), with regulars returning
- Some from term-time drop-in attend
- Simple format: Lego, crafts, refreshments
- All free
- We are there when other groups are taking a break





CHURCH *of the*
GOOD SHEPHERD

APCM Review of Christmas events

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Christmas events

- **21st – 23rd November**
Christmas tree festival (theme: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love)
- **30th November**
Carol Singing at Greenfields. 4th time.
- **Saturday 6th December**
Carol Singing on the Green



Christmas events

- **Sunday 7th December**
WAVE Christingle service
For adults with learning disabilities.
Makaton signing, food afterwards.
- **Thursday 11th December**
Cake & Carols at Norton Court
- **Saturday 13th December –**
Family carols with Christingle making.
Very well-attended.



CGS Juniors



CGS Youth



- Open discussion around the sermon
- Relating this to our everyday lives
- Building trust and stronger roots
- Opportunities to support our youth



**Service
Enablers**

**Service Leaders
Preachers
Readers
Intercessors
Café Team
Set up Team**

.....and Dave Gregory for the rota.



Sung Worship



Big shout out to our amazing band members and singers!



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SHARING LIFE TOGETHER

Monday and Wednesday
Thank you to leaders



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Church Group
Home Group

Caring for each other



Community events



Thank You

- Spreading joy
- Team work
- Being part of the community
- Lots of opportunities to get involved



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Community
events



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"Just Come Just Be"



- Reflection
- Worship
- Stillness
- God with us



United in Worship

United in Worship

A time to seek God's leading
together in sung worship, communion and prayer

Church of the Good Shepherd
Hockliffe Street Baptist Church
Spirit & Truth

Sunday 3rd May 2026: 5:30pm - 6:45pm

Astral Park Community and Sports Centre
Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY



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Julie's Flower Fund



During the year June 2025 till May 2026...

- Seven bouquets of flowers were delivered from CGS
- For the barn dance a hamper of flowers was made for the raffle and two table arrangements.
- £91.00 was raised from the raffle for the flower fund.



Julie's Flower Fund



- In December we held a Christmas arrangement evening at Eggington Hall which raised £323.00.
- Palm Sunday: Plants/flowers candles etc were purchased to hold a creative morning at church making reflection candle arrangements and baskets of plants.



Mission Enabler's Retreat



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Apologies if we have.....



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FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN



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6. The Ministers Report



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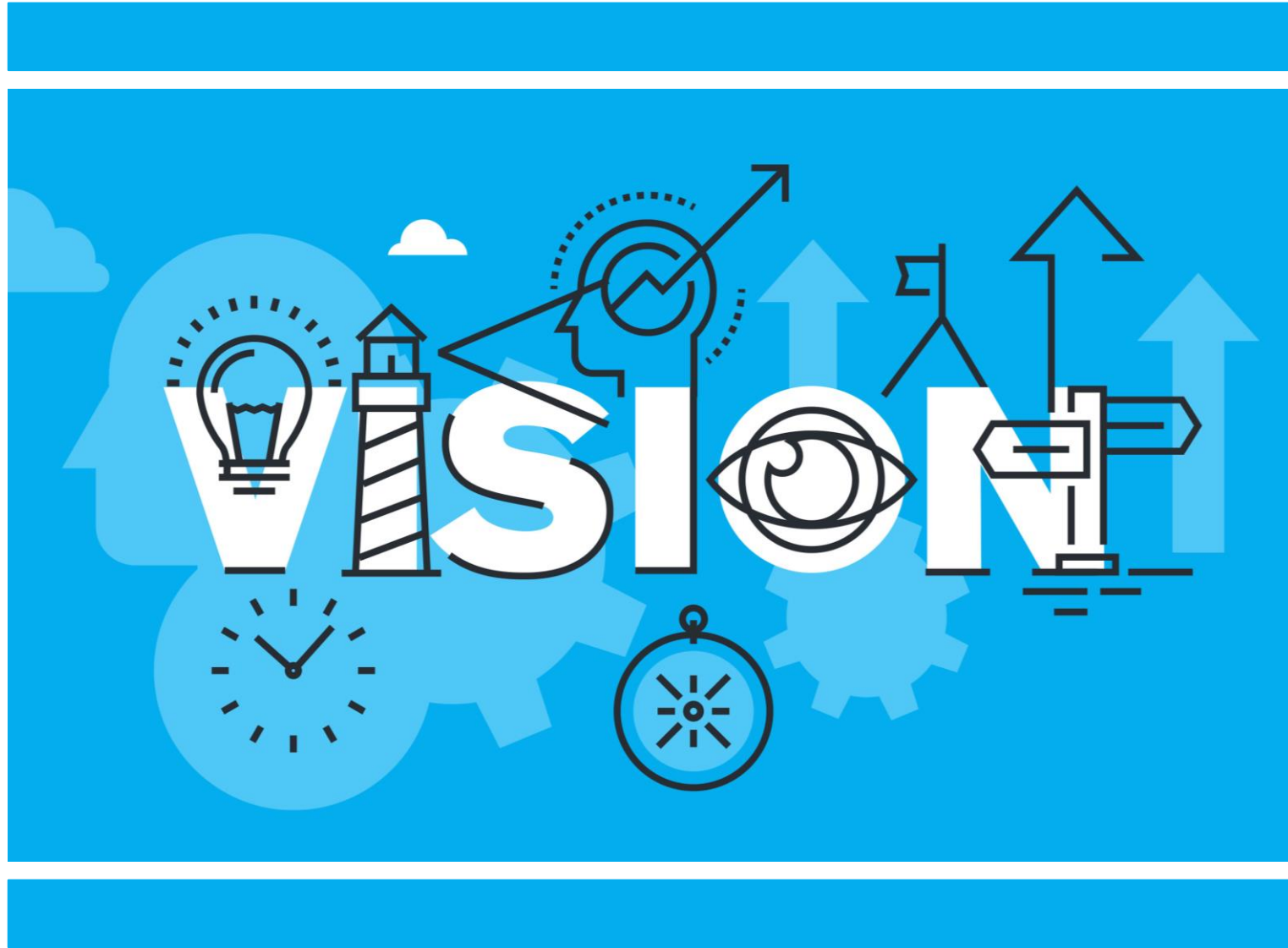
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Vision Statements

1. As a Church we will be at the heart of the local community and enable, create and build the wider community.
2. As a Church we will be a welcoming, informal, family friendly space where you know you will be accepted and valued.



Vision Statements

3. As a Church we will encourage each other to lead a God centered life, celebrating our spiritual journey together and equipping each other for everyday life.
4. As a Church we will share life and all that it throws at us, together for support, friendship and laughter.



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Objectives

- 1) Community Engagement*
- 2) Worship and Prayer*
- 3) Sunday Service*
- 4) Throughout the Week*
- 5) Youth & Children's Ministry*

Please ask to be emailed a copy



CGS Values

Inclusiveness

"The Church of the Good Shepherd (CGS) firmly believes that the gospel is open to all who are willing to hear the good news of Jesus Christ".



Inclusiveness

For that reason, no-one, whatever their Race, Gender or Sexuality is limited from becoming a part of our community, sharing in worship together or standing for leadership as part of our Parochial Church Council (PCC)."

CGS Values

Relational Values

- Relationship over Theology
- Difference can be held
- Concerns will be received and reviewed
- Ideas will be received and reviewed



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**KEEP
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TO US!**



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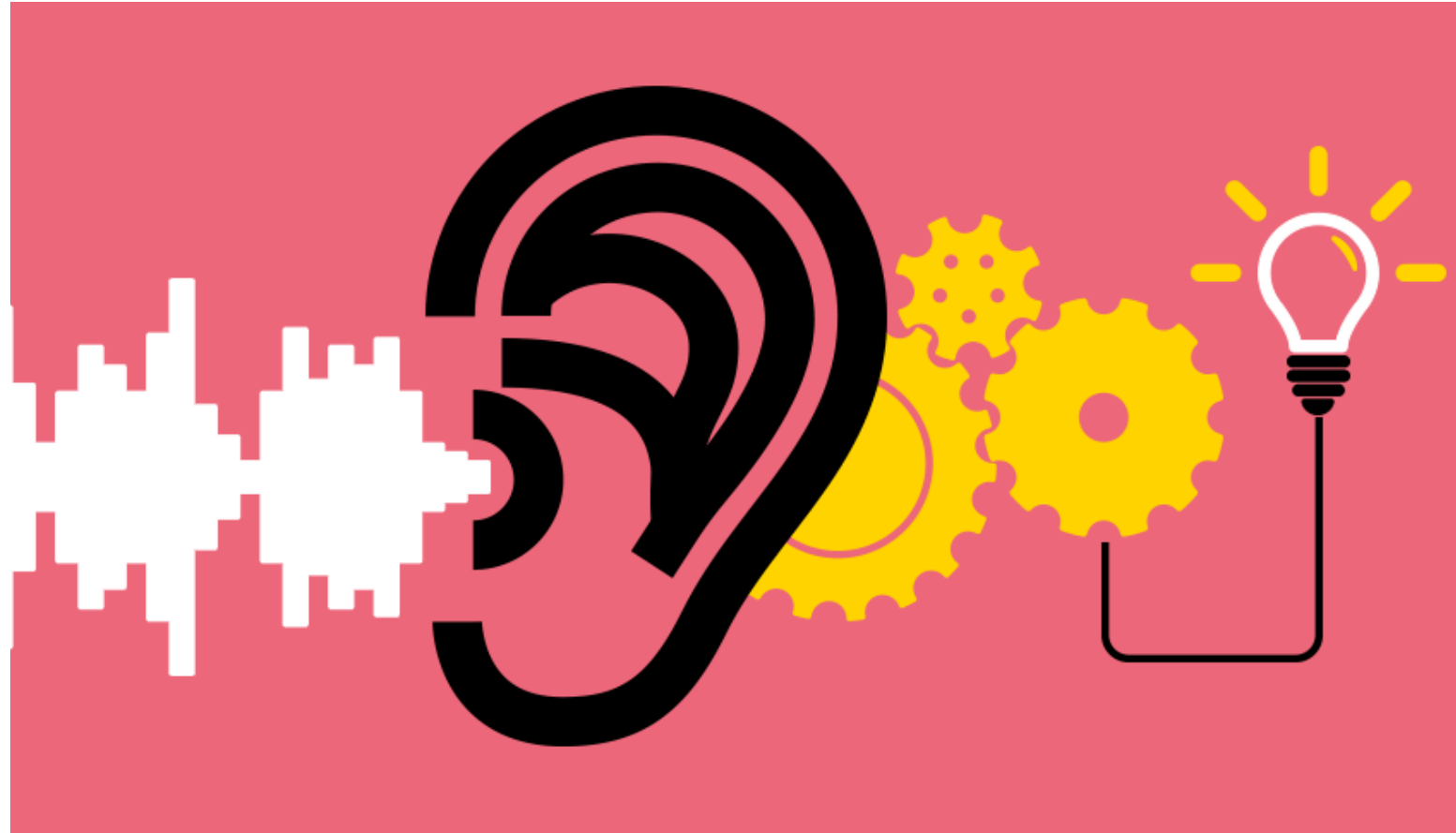
Looking Ahead to the next 12 months
with our Vision in mind



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Listening Workshop : **FEEDBACK**

30th November



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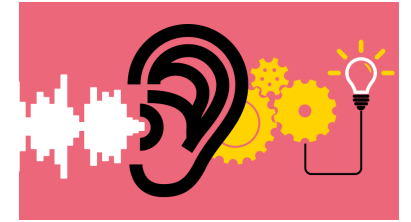
**How does CGS fit into your life as a whole?
Practically, Emotionally and Spiritually.**

- CGS is a place of Sanctuary, healing, restoration and nurture
- Extended Family
- On a shared Christian Journey



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What is most valuable to you about CGS?

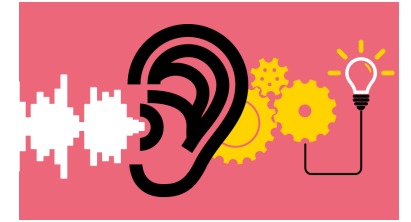
Values & Character of CGS Community

- Adaptable
- Size of church makes it easy to get know people
- You feel part of the community very quickly



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What is most valuable to you about CGS?

Values & Character of CGS Community

- Strong Sense of Community
- Home Groups very friendly
- Good 'Faith Contact Point' every week



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What is most valuable to you about CGS?

Teaching/ Gatherings

- Biblically focused and doesn't sway with opinions and fads
- Varied teaching presents different perspectives
- Very accessible for people unfamiliar with church and faith



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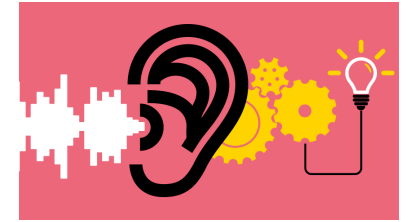
Teaching/ Gatherings

- Variety of services and teaching. Good mix of formal and informal
- Chapel Time: Interaction, different viewpoints and respectful discussion appreciated
- Just Come, Just Be – appreciated and valued



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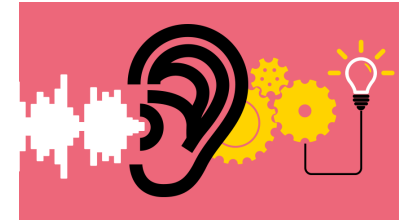
What are your thoughts on Home Groups?

- Very friendly and welcoming
- Good variety of teaching material



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How do you find the balance for you between giving and receiving in church life?

- Generally, feedback was that there is a good, manageable balance
- Space made for people to have a go at things
- Invite to contribute to with no 'guilt pressure' if you aren't able to help



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What do you see as the purpose of CGS?

- Clarification about what it means to be a 'Missional Community'
 - Social Action Activities
 - Role of CGS in the town
- Seeking some clarity about our Café Outreach (Sunday/ Football)
- Drive to be outward looking with open arms



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How might we do somethings differently?

Youth Provision

- Midweek activities for Youth

Discipleship

- Is there a clear Discipleship journey in the Church?



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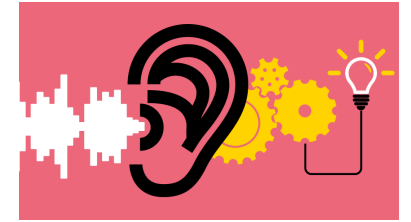
Teaching

- Ask it in the basket
- Q&A after sermons
- Open Mic Sessions
- Invite people from similar missional churches to share ideas
- Visiting speakers



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How might we do somethings differently?

Home Groups/ Social Meetings

- Monthly Home Group option with a meal
- Saturday Men's/ Women's Group
- A regular church lunch.
- More Socials
- Wider Fellowship opportunities
- Enthusiasm for a Church Away Day



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How might we do some things differently?

Mission

- Witnessing over evangelising
- Idea of a 'soft lobby' to interact with Football Crowd when it is better weather
- Connect with 'New to Leighton Buzzard' : Flyers/ Welcome Packs



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How might we do some things differently?

Improve our Marketing

- Local Notice Boards
- Social Media
- Enhance the welcome in our signage



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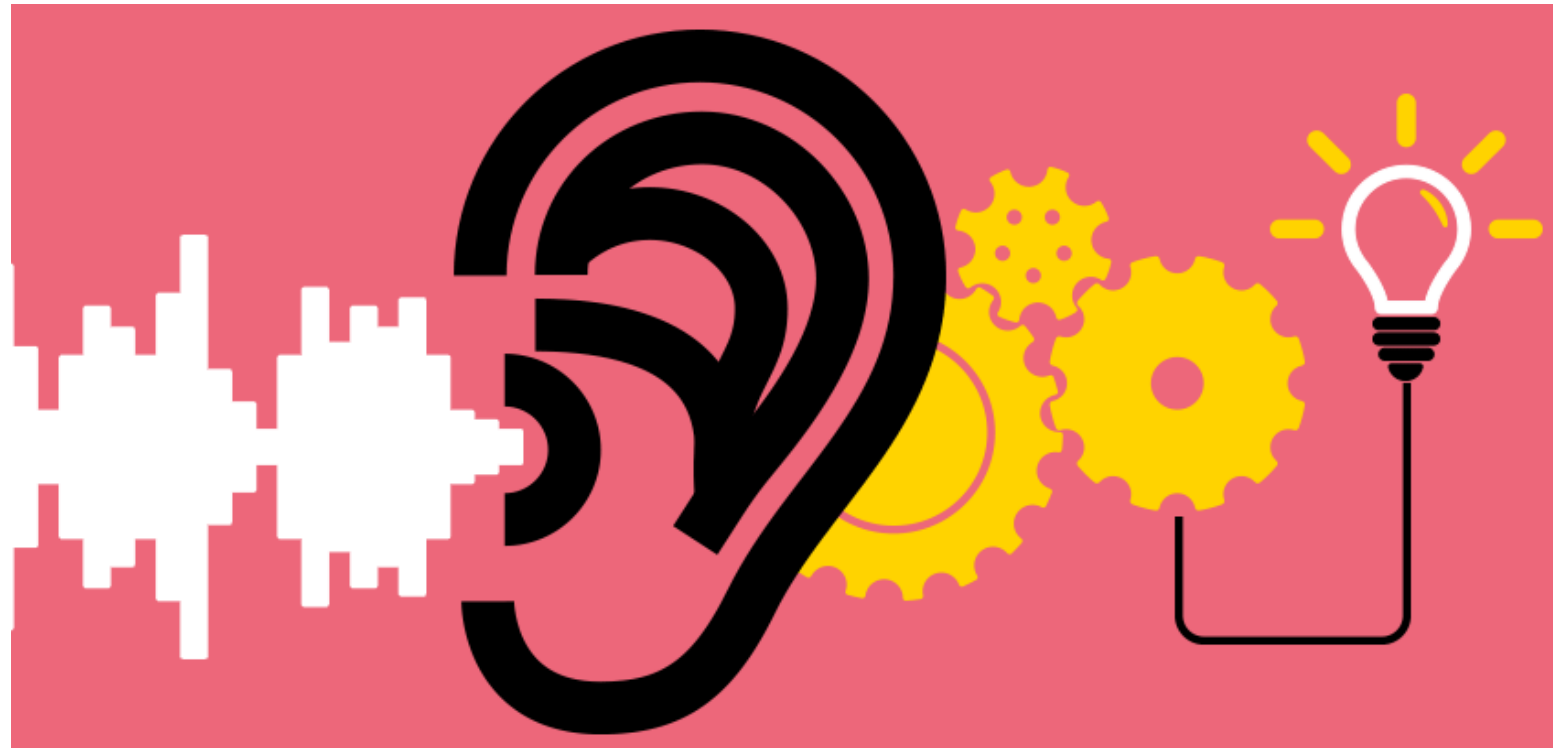
Utilisation of skills: Help people to offer up their gifts and skills

- Would be helpful to go through what each role involves



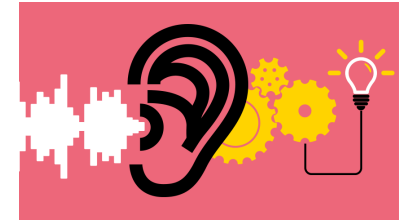
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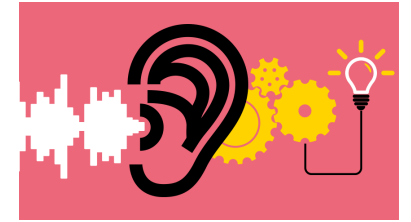


Short Term Actions



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How might we do somethings differently?

Youth Provision

- Midweek activities for Youth
 - Rebekah and Dave starting once half term event.

Discipleship

- Is there a clear Discipleship journey in the Church? **PCC to work on this**



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How might we do somethings differently? *Teaching*

- Ask it in the basket
- Q&A after sermons
 - 'I am' Statements
 - 'We are' Statements
 - Faith and AI '
- Open Mic Sessions



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How might we do somethings differently? *Teaching*

- Invite people from similar missional churches to share ideas
- Visiting speakers
- Definitely: Let us know if you have anyone in mind



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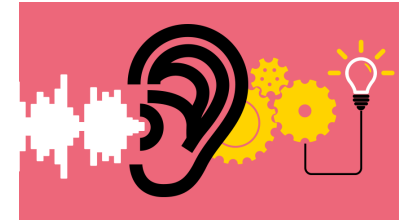
- Clarification about what it means to be a 'Missional Community'
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 - Role of CGS in the town

Teaching and discussion around
This topic



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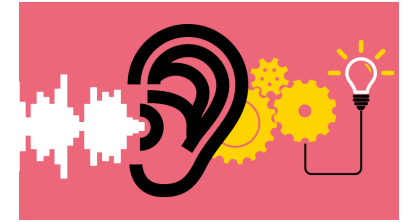
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- Seeking some clarity about our Café Outreach (Sunday/ Football)
- Drive to be outward looking with open arms
- PCC to consider at July PCC
- Let us have your thoughts



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How might we do some things differently?

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- Wider Fellowship opportunities
- Some of this is starting to happen



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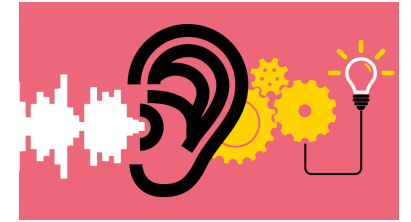
- Local Notice Boards
- Social Media
- Enhance the welcome in our signage
- Role for Website editor, comms



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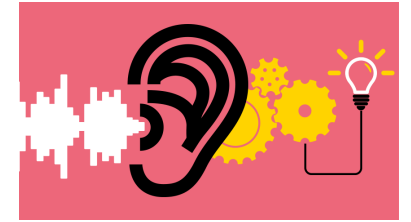


Utilisation of skills: Help people to offer up their gifts and skills

- Would be helpful to go through what each role involves
- This is going to happen as we improve our safeguarding processes



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Medium Term Plans

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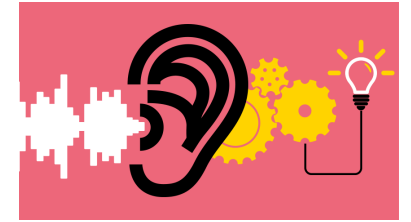


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Medium Term Plans

- Partnership with Christians Against Poverty
- Partnership with HopeWorks
- Plan a Church Away Day

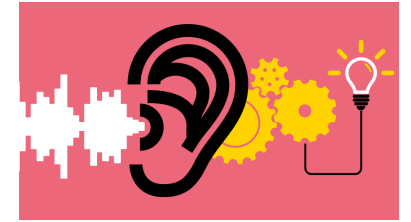


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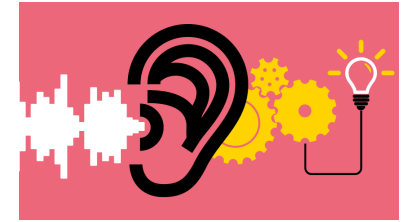
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Medium Term Plans

- Look for opportunities to work with other churches in LB
 - Ouzel Valley Team
 - Churches Together
 - United in Worship / Mission
- Improve presence at Town Events.



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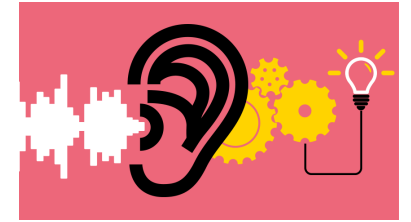
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Longer Term Plans



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Youth Provision

- Midweek activities for Youth



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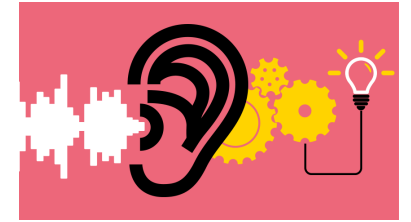
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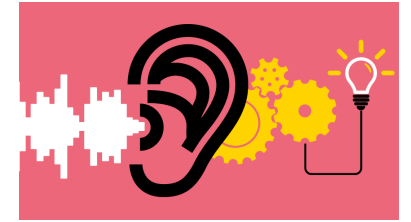
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Longer Term Plans

Families / Mission
Outreach Worker

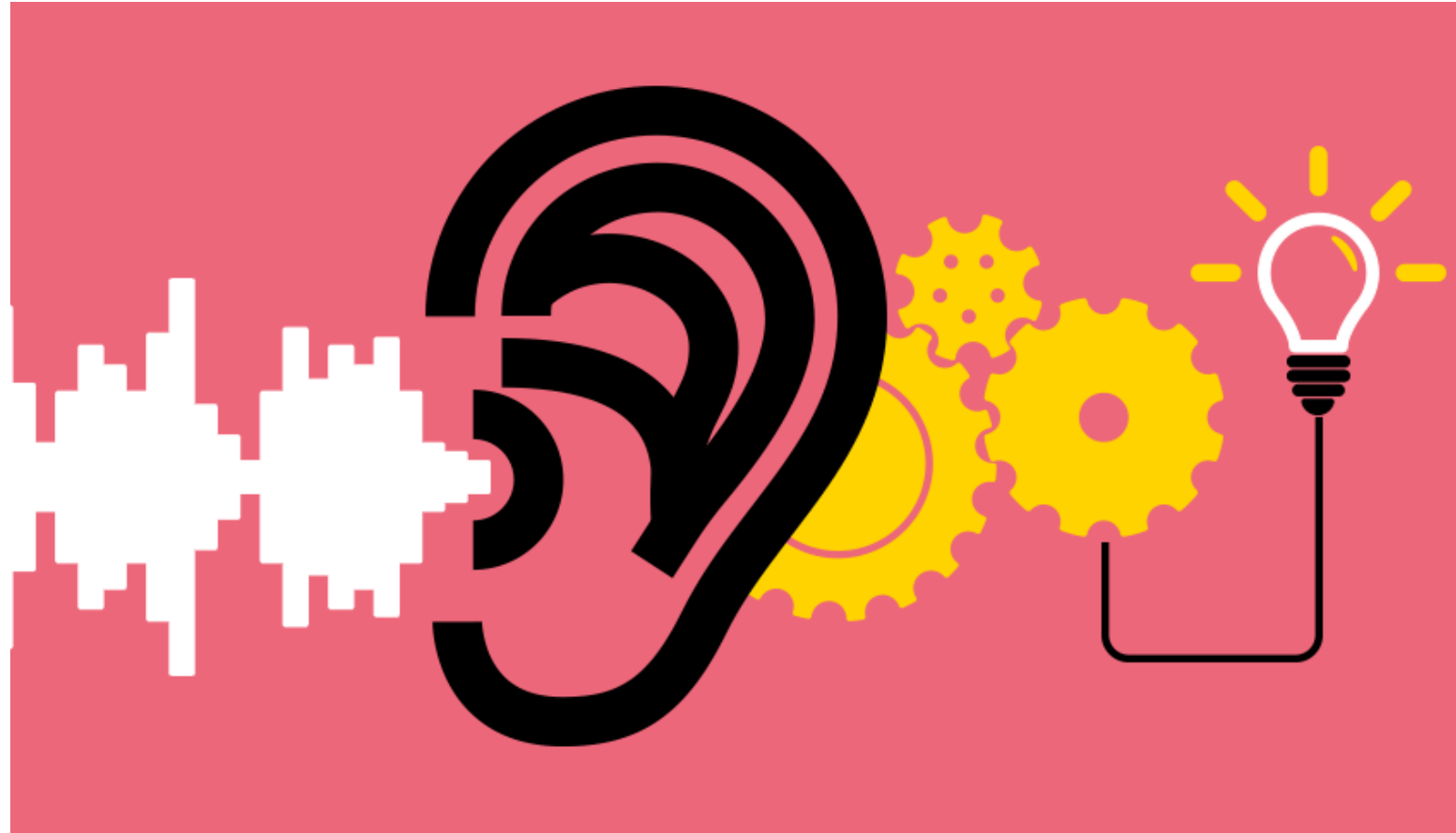
Review

Possibilities of
Partnership within the
Ouzel Valley Team



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Listening Workshop : Another one in Autumn



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Strengths of CGS

Adaptability

Responsiveness

Resourcefulness



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Lots of opportunities to be adaptable, responsive and resourceful.



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January and June

Monthly PCC Meetings



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SHARE
your
ideas
WITH OTHER
PEOPLE
& MAKE
something
NEW

Share with PCC
Monthly Meetings

Next Meeting
Monday 8th June



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Another exciting year ahead



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ANY
QUESTIONS?



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Annual Parochoal Church Meeting:

Chaired by Drew Lewin, Treasurer

AGENDA

7. Presentation of the Financial Accounts and Parish Share



Church Financials 2025

Our God is a generous God!

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

A tool with a purpose



General Account Income vs Expenditure

	2024 Actual	2025 Forecast	2025 Actual
Income	£35,177	£32,450	£41,615
Expenditure	£37,734	£38,372	£37,262
Surplus/Deficit	-£2,557	-£5,922	£4,353

Increase in expenditure:

Increase in running costs, rent, church expenses, insurances etc.
Decrease in outgoing activity spend.



General Income

	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2025 Percent [0.1%]
Regular Giving	£29,523	£37,829.79	90.9%
Other Giving	£4,421	£2,072.91	5.0%
Other Income	£1,233	£1,712.45	4.1%
TOTAL	£35,177	£41,615.15	

What is 'Regular Giving'

Expenditure Breakdown

Parish Share	£	21,000	Licensing	£	321
Expenses	£	5,409	Giving	£	77
Site Hire	£	6,617	Flowers	£	257
Insurance	£	380	Events	£	363
Publicity	£	971	Café	£	189
Resources	£	199	Misc	£	600
Online	£	444	Account		
Offsite	£	410	Charges	£	26

Parish Share

	2024 Actual	2025 Forecast	2026 Forecast
Requested	£36,334	£37,398	£36,679
Paid	£21,000	£21,000	£23,250
Unpaid	£15,334	£16,398	£13,429

Parish Share is paid to the St Albans Diocese for the provision of a Priest and the Diocesan Support.

In 2025 we paid 56% of our Parish Share. In 2026 we plan to pay at least 63%.

Parish Share (even at the level we underpay it) makes up 56 % of our expenditure.



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Banking Breakdown

	Balance 31 Dec 2025
Community Account	£ 7,425.29
Commercial Instant Access	£ 6,392.98
95 Day Notice	£ 30,727.60

95 Day Account holds Diocese Mission fund



Income vs Expenditure: 2026 Forecast

	2025 Actual	2026 Forecast
Income	£41,615.15	£50,215
Expenditure	£37,262.36	£40,588
Surplus/Deficit	£2,673.10	£9,627

Increase in expenditure:

Increase in running costs, rent, church expenses, insurances etc.
Upcoming project needs.

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Giving as a Church Community

Tithe 10% of income a year, split equally

- Internationally
- Nationally
- Locally

Please give me your nominations



2026 : Looking Ahead

- Overall, finances continue to improve, but...
- ... expenses continue to grow.
 - Astral Park Rent increase.
 - Inflation in Resources, Insurance, Licensing, etc.
 - Parish Share contribution
 - Missional projects & support
- Outward giving

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8. Appointment of Independent Examiner of the Accounts

Approached someone, waiting to get confirmation

**Please ask if you would like to see a printing copy
of the Accounts**



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TITHES & OFFERINGS

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Thank you for your generosity
Especially in these challenging times



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BE GENTLE !!!



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9. Safeguarding Report

Mike Tuttiett : Safeguarding Officer



Safeguarding

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Safeguarding

Promoting a SAFER CHURCH

Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations

Recognise

Respond

Record

Refer



Safeguarding

Promoting a SAFER CHURCH

Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations



Recognise

Do take seriously what is being said

Do make clear that the person's concerns or allegations will only be made known to those who need to be informed

Don't display shock or disbelief

Don't investigate

Don't ask leading questions



Promoting a SAFER CHURCH

Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations



Respond

If there is an immediate risk of harm to any individual, or urgent medical intervention is needed, report the matter to the police or other emergency services without delay.

Ascertain any support needs the person making the disclosure may have.



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Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations



Record

Make a written record of the disclosure as soon as is practicably possible

Use the Four W's:

Who was involved – the key people

What happened – facts not opinions

When did it happen – date and time

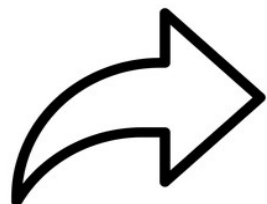
Who was it referred to



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Responding to Safeguarding Concerns or Allegations



Refer

Unless there's an immediate risk of harm to any individual, or urgent medical intervention is needed, refer the matter to the CGS Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) within one working day.



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Any comments or
questions?



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10. Confirmation of the next meeting of the PCC

PCC Meeting Monday 8th June at 7:30pm



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11. Date of next APCM

Provisionally suggested as - Sunday 9th May 2027



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12. Any other business

An opportunity for members of the parish to raise any matter of common concern, and to make any suggestions for the P.C.C. agenda.



QUESTIONS?

WHO? HOW? WHERE? WHEN? WHAT? Why?



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION

