



Dereham & District
Team Ministry

St Nicholas, Dereham

St Nicholas, Dereham Five Year Strategic Plan 2018-2023



Prayer for Growth

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth
to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Statement

In response to God's love in Christ, our mission is to grow in faith
and reach out in love to the people of Dereham.





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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To realise this mission we will;

1. Deepen our Christian faith.

- By increasing opportunities for Prayer, Bible Study, and Teaching.

2. Build Christian fellowship through social activities and pastoral care.

- By co-ordinating the pastoral care offered within the congregation, especially to the lonely or bereaved by appointing a Bereavement Officer.
- By encouraging all members of the congregation to join in our social activities.

3. Maintain and improve the church building for use by the whole community.

- By addressing the findings of the 2017 Quinquennial Report, as far as is practicable.
- By ensuring minor repairs are completed promptly by the effective use of volunteers from the congregation for simple maintenance tasks, wherever possible.
- By embarking upon a building plan to provide toilet facilities, a kitchen and a community space within the church.

4. Develop different forms of music in our worship.

- By finding a leader to encourage young musicians to become involved in the Family Service.
- By developing the existing congregational monthly *hymnsing*.
- By introducing more variety into the sung parts of the Eucharist.

5. Develop our work with young people.

- By building on the work of Messy Church.
- By continuing ties with our 2 church schools and furthering links with other schools in the town.

6. Improve our financial standing.

- By a biennial review of planned giving, to ensure our regular congregation is aware of the effect of inflation on the Church's income and expenditure.
- By launching a Fundraising campaign to raise funds for building works with a proactive approach to applying for grants and other fundraising efforts.
- By seeking funds from legacies, the wider community and organisations.

7. Develop an easily recognisable identity.

- By using our logo and website address on all communications.
- By ensuring our website and Facebook Page are kept up to date.
- By portraying an open and warm welcome to all church activities.