

Committed to Growth at St Mary's Tharston 2016/2017

Growing in Discipleship

Following Jesus

Learning to see Him more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly

What are the good things we are doing already?

Sunday sermons. Presence of Cell Church in the village.

How do we feel God is calling us to grow in this area in the long term?

Grow in prayer, faith and personal discipleship.

What steps shall we take this year?

Involvement with prayer 24/7 as response to Archbishop's call to prayer 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

Growing in Service

Responding to human need

Caring for God's creation

Transforming unjust structures of society

What are the good things we are doing already?

Providing services for key festivals eg Harvest, Christmas and Easter.

Church fete a popular community event.

Maintaining historic church building for benefit of whole community.

How do we feel God is calling us to grow in this area in the long term?

Work towards reordering of the building to offer facilities as a community centre.

Work towards greater cooperation with the Parish Council especially regarding development of church as a community centre

What steps shall we take this year?

Progressing preliminary enquiries regarding local support. Exploring possibilities for funding - grants etc

Growing in Numbers

Helping more people to find faith

Helping people to join our congregation

What are the good things we are doing already?

Festival services eg Harvest and Christmas carols attract those who don't usually attend

Delivery of 'Welcome Leaflet' to newcomers to the village with details of church services etc

How do we feel God is calling us to grow in this area in the long term?

Use of church as community centre to encourage building of connections with village residents

What steps shall we take this year?

Visiting newcomers to the village (especially on new development)