

Example Plan for Growth

Your Plan for Growth can be submitted online. Here is an example of what it might look like.

1 Who are we?

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2 Our priorities

We will:

- Engage with families through the school in the benefice.
- Work together across the benefice to offer training in evangelism, and establish a regular method of connecting with our community.
- Explore Welly Church, a church which meets outside and seeks to engage those who are more at home in the natural world than a church building.

When was this Plan for Growth agreed by the PCCs?

November 2022

3 Process

How did you listen to God, to the church and wider community?

- We included prayer for the Plan for Growth in our intercessions, bible study group and in our Zoom daily prayer.
- We reviewed the material from our deanery plan.
- We had a benefice lunch and following that spent time discerning the way forward together.

How did you listen to younger generations?

- We borrowed a Licensed Children and Families minister from a neighbouring parish to help us create and used a questionnaire with families we know in the area.



4 Making Disciples, Growing Disciples, Serving the Community

What do you have in place to help make disciples in your benefice?

- We use the Emmaus Course to help people explore what they believe. We run this once a year.

What do you have in place to help grow disciples in your benefice?

- Our Reader leads us in following different courses each Lent and Advent on subjects like suffering, the environment.

What do you do to serve your local community or network?

- We set up a Food Bank during lockdown and plan to develop this work.

5 How can we help you?

What do you need help with to make your plan work?

There will be a list for you to choose from including: Vocations, children and family, youth, missional ideas – buildings, environment, giving, grant applications, creating a benefice council, discipleship courses, faith sharing, new forms of church and so on. Describe the help you need:

- We are a small church with a challenging context. We want to talk to someone about how to re-energise those who are already church members to see a way forward. We would like to speak to someone about how to start to do this.

6 Share

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What help is available?

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