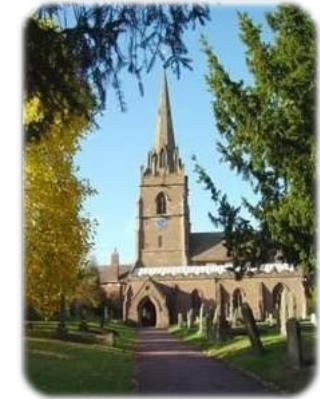


St Chad's Church, Pattingham with Patshull Mission Action Plan 2023



Our Mission Statement:

**“Following Christ in the footsteps of St Chad, by living out our faith;
taking the church to the community and growing the church”.**

Vision:

To fulfil this ambition our vision is:

- to be an inclusive Church that reaches out to the whole community of Pattingham and Patshull and beyond. A Church that is welcoming to all who wish to share the 'good news' that the gospels bring, both as regular members as well as those who only attend occasionally or not at all.
- to encourage children, young people, and young families to become involved in Church life and its activities so that they can experience the joy and spiritual fulfilment of Christianity.
- to emphasise the benefits of coming to Church for those searching for friendship, spiritual guidance, and comfort.
- to ensure that the Church, through its members, is at the heart of the community.
- to maintain an interest in the wider work of the Church in the Deanery and Diocese and beyond, while still being concerned with our own parish.

Challenges:

St. Chad's Pattingham is in many ways a successful church and has survived the problems of Covid lockdown and a long interregnum in a healthy state. However, like all churches it faces significant problems which are challenges a new Vicar will face on appointment. The following are in the opinion of the PCC the most pressing:

- In an increasingly elderly congregation to attract active members in the middle age range.
- To address the lack of children and young parents in the congregation. The potential is there as school services show. Links with St. Chad's School require to be strengthened.
- To build up pastoral care for the elderly and housebound.
- To maintain and develop the variety of worship which has been established in the interregnum and which will appeal to those without a strong church background.
- To make the church building much more useful and versatile for the congregation and the community. Mainly by achieving the re-ordering of the North Aisle to make a flexible space.

Key objectives for 2023

Aim	Action	Resource / people	Timescale / progress
Reach out to children and families to involve them in church services, activities and events	Developing involvement of St Chad's School in church and of church in school	O&G IWG	Some liaison in place already. By October expand those links.
	Liaison with Foundation Governors to build on their role on behalf of the church	O&G	Process for liaison to be in place by June
	Making links with those who attend schools outside the village and with those schools	O&G	Ongoing work
	Developing Holiday Club to include a wider age range, adapting Holiday Club activities and encouraging involvement in our Eco work and Youth Group	DS / PCC	Review how to provide Holiday Club
	Reviewing the provision of "Sunday School" to ensure that children are appropriately nurtured in the Christian faith.	TW / PCC	During the autumn
Complete the reordering of the North Aisle to provide a flexible space	Complete the plans after consultation with the DAC	Ad hoc steering committee / PCC	By June
	Communicate the plans to the congregation and consult the wider community	PCC	Before September
	Make the formal faculty application	PCC / Fabric committee	Formal application to be submitted to DAC by 13 th September
	Complete the work	Fabric Committee	During 2024
	Have in place a co-ordinating group to make best use of the new facilities	PCC	During 2024

Organising or supporting events for the community	Liaison with Parish Council and others to mark the Coronation in a similar manner to the Platinum Jubilee	PS	In hand
	Setting up a committee to manage the arrangements for the Fete	O&G IWG	Committee to be in place by April – regular reports by committee to PCC
	Setting up a committee to manage the arrangements for the Scarecrow Festival	PS / PCC	Committee to be in place by April – regular reports by committee to PCC
Increasing pastoral resource and support	Reviewing the provision of pastoral support	Vicar / PCC	By October.
Improving administration support	Considering the provision of administration support through a paid post	TA/GD/CP/DS	Consideration of issues by July with a view to an appointment being made in the autumn
Continue to explore the appointment of a community worker	Identify the job description etc	O&G IWG / PCC	September
	Identify budget available	Finance ctte / PCC	September
	Identify how to support those outside the ambit of the community worker (eg the elderly)	O&G IWG / PCC	September
	Advertise and appoint	PCC	December
Review and develop the variety of worship	Continue to keep under review the pattern of services	PCC	Ongoing
	Maintain and strengthen our Prayer Group	Spiritual IWG	Ongoing
Become a Dementia Friendly Church	Appoint a dementia co-ordinator	PCC	By April
	Develop awareness of issues relating to dementia	Dementia co-ordinator	ongoing
	Develop support for those living with dementia	Dementia co-ordinator	ongoing
	Apply for accreditation as a Dementia Friendly Church	PCC	By March 2024

Gain the Gold EcoChurch award	Calculate carbon footprint	DS	By May
	Identify how to reduce / offset our carbon footprint	DS / PCC	By September
	Continue to embed environmental thinking into everyday practice	PCC	ongoing
	Work on our wild area to establish / encourage an animal/insect friendly habitat	AS	ongoing
	Identify and address the issues which need to be addressed to gain the gold award	DS / PCC	By October
	Apply for Gold EcoChurch award	PCC	By January 2024