

Our Vision for the Parishes of Fulbourn and the Wilbrahams 2008-2015

Working together to be a Christian Community of Worship, Welcome and Care

Area	Overall Vision
1. Gathered Worship and Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide regular opportunities for villagers to worship God, to receive Holy Communion, to hear God's Word preached and to enjoy Christian fellowship together. • To provide a range of Church services across the churches in our group encompassing the diversity amongst us and seeking to support as many people as possible to become part of God's mission in our villages. • To encourage church members to pray regularly and to equip and encourage each other to do this creatively. • To grow our congregations and make worship and prayer accessible to more people across the villages. • To give thanks for the God-given gift of music; to develop the whole church's confidence in a range of musical styles and to harness more of our church's wide musical abilities to help us in our worship of God.
2. Teaching, Discipleship and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help the Christians in our churches deepen their relationship with God individually and corporately and learn more about the Christian faith. • To encourage people to discover the riches within the Bible. • To support every church member in being part of the churches' mission and ministry by developing opportunities to be trained and equipped in relevant areas. • To encourage church members to be part of a small group, to give and receive pastoral care and to be nurtured and grow in the Christian faith. • To teach the wider community about the basics of the Christian faith. • To be a resource to the Diocese and National Church by training Ordinands, Curates, Youth Workers and Licensed Lay Ministers
3. Mission and Evangelism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reach out to members of our communities and networks and local institutions with the good news of Jesus Christ. • To grow our church membership to include those new to the faith • To give everyone who comes through the doors of our churches a warm welcome. • To support wider diocesan and national & international mission initiatives where possible
4. Children's, Youth and Family Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that children and young people are valued as full members of the Body of Christ in our churches. • To provide a warm welcome to children and their families. • To develop opportunities for children, young people and their families to explore and grow in the Christian faith. • To provide opportunities for children and young people to share their gifts and talents with the church community and to be part of the churches mission in the wider community. • To continue to develop and support our ministry to children and young people through partnerships with voluntary organisations and the local schools in our villages.
5. Pastoral Care and Social Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a church community of all ages that offers practical help and pastoral care to one another. • To provide the care of Christ to those in need or vulnerable in our communities and world. • To encourage and resource the clergy staff team and church members to work toward a healthy life balance and have realistic and caring expectations of one another as we seek to work together. • To support and encourage local organisations involved in pastoral care and social action
6. Church Unity and Ecumenism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a culture where we see ourselves as the Body of Christ and part of His church and our allegiance to Christ is stronger than our allegiance to a particular denomination or congregation. • To be a church that works with other Christian churches in the locality and Diocese, with Christian organisations throughout the world and especially with the other churches in our group. And to share resources wherever possible.
7. Buildings and Fabric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that our buildings are beautiful, welcoming and fit for purpose to aid the worship & mission of the Church in the twenty first century and that they reflect God's glory.
8. Giving, Stewardship and Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a culture of regular and generous sacrificial giving which reflects our thankfulness to God for his goodness to us and supports God's mission and ministry across the churches. • To give generously to God's mission and ministry in other parts of the world • To find creative ways to raise money for the churches mission and ministry • To find practical ways to care for the environment.
9. Administration, Management and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist the smooth running and support the practical outworking of God's vision for our parishes and to support and equip all who are part of it. • To develop systems to keep church members and the wider community informed of services, events, and opportunities to worship, grow in the Christian faith, reach out to others and feel welcomed and part of the church family.