

- work with Churches Together in Boston and the Deanery e.g. Street Pastors, Centrepoint-Outreach, RoadHog & the Soup Kitchen
- explore ways of reaching & supporting young adults (over 18)
- improve our web-site for purposes of communication but also as a vehicle for learning
- develop our DVD, CD and book library
- find new ways of welcoming people onto the church site during the week and developing our hospitality e.g. coffee mornings, pre-school drop in, and make our facilities as widely known and available as possible
- develop our links with schools and consider the introduction of a schools team

A forward-looking visionary community which follows God's leading

This means by 2013 that with the Holy Spirit's help we want to be a community of believers enthusiastic about our faith, excited by what God has been doing through us and envisioned by what He has in store for us as we continue to serve Him

Steps we need to take in 2010 and 2011

- provide teaching on what it means to be church
- seek to be more expectant of God, seeking to see the world as he sees it and as he wants it to be
- review how well we communicate so that all are well informed and that we have an increasing sense of the 'body' of Christ moving forward together
- seek God's guidance on how we might become a resource for other churches in the locality
- evaluate and reflect on who we are and the things that we do in order to grow

As we work towards becoming such a community, we believe doing so will help us to become an increasingly healthy church, and we believe that in God's economy healthy churches are growing churches.



3 YEAR VISION 2010 TO 2013

Coming under the headship of Jesus and with the help of the Holy Spirit our aim is to be *'a family like no other, living life as God the Father would have us do.'* We will pray and work towards this aim by seeking to be:

A worshipping community to whom God matters

This means **by 2013** that with the Holy Spirit's help we want to be a community where we worship and encounter God in ever-deepening ways; we hope this will mean that: we will be a Bible reading, praying community; our worship services will be inspired and inspiring, causing people to say 'truly God is among you;' we will increasingly see our lives as 'spiritual acts of worship'; and we will see signs of the Kingdom of God growing among us.

Steps we need to take in 2010 and 2011

- encourage the prayer life of individuals, seek to deepen our corporate prayer & implement a clearer prayer strategy
- provide more opportunities for reflection and listening to God in our services
- continue to develop our 'ministry team' and encourage ministry to be an accepted 'norm' during our times together
- continue to worship in a variety of different styles and traditions recognising the influence of age, personal preference, gender, experience & so on, while at the same time seeking to develop an overall pattern of worship that is distinctive and appropriate to our unique context
- seek to enhance our shared worship through the use of the video projection system

A loving community where people matter

This means **by 2013** that with the Holy Spirit's help we want to be known across the town of Boston for the warmth and depth of the welcome we offer to all; that there will be real depth of love and care shared across all ages; that looking out for one another's material as well as spiritual needs will be the norm; that most people will belong to a small group in which they can be very much at home and offer and receive pastoral care.

Steps we need to take in 2010 and 2011

- become even better in our welcoming of people when they come to church
- encourage more people to join home groups and seek ways of caring for/involving people who are not in a home group
- Seek to laugh together and enjoy each other's company
- consider the need for an older person's worker
- encourage the congregation to 'walk across the room' to those in any kind of need—spiritual, emotional or physical
- host more social events for the church family and their friends and families
- develop our bereavement ministry

A community of disciples where spiritual growth matters

This means **by 2013** that with the Holy Spirit's help we want to be a fellowship, shaped and formed by the Bible, where every member knows we are not only loved by God but also called and gifted by Him to serve Him in His church/world, and we are helped to discern that call and then equipped and trained for service. We hope this will mean that not only do we have enough people to meet our own ministry needs but that we will be able to 'export' folk to help other churches.

Steps we need to take in 2010 and 2011

- continue to offer introductory courses to Christianity
- see our home groups as nurseries of spiritual growth

- continue to help people identify & use their spiritual gifts
- continue with the Growing Leaders course and mentor those taking on new roles of leadership in church
- continue to encourage folk to grow in faith through in-depth biblical teaching and preaching, through study, through prayer; through actively promoting personal Bible reading
- seek ways of supporting people to be Christ followers in their daily work
- continue to root and disciple our young people in the Christian faith
- encourage a climate of generosity in the offering of our time, gifts and financial resources

A visible, outward-looking, serving community

This means **by 2013** that with the Holy Spirit's help we want to be a highly visible fellowship rather than one that can be easily ignored, serving our local community through a combination of needs-based evangelism and loving service; it means we want to co-operate with other local churches; it means we want to support world mission, that we want to be known for our passion for mission; and it means that we want our lives, individually and collectively, to help people encounter God.

Steps we need to take in 2010 and 2011

- consider and where appropriate initiate new ways of being church in recognition that traditional ways of being church are not enough
- seek to discover the needs in our community by doing community surveys
- do more strategic leaflet dropping to homes in our parish
- seek to become much more mission-minded as a church not least through the visit of Ian Silk and his team from Lincoln
- plan and put into practice appropriate mission activities
- provide opportunities for people to gain confidence in sharing the good news of Jesus