

WILL YOU JOIN US?

We would love you to commit to playing an active part in our church community this year, and to worshipping, praying, learning and growing alongside others who want to do the same. In an age where increasing numbers of people don't know who Jesus is or how He can transform their lives, we need to be confident in our own faith and ready to tell others about the hope we have found in Him.



...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me...forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14)

God our Father,
we dedicate ourselves to serve you faithfully
and to follow Jesus,
to face the future with Him,
seeking His special purpose for our lives.
Send us out to work and witness
freely, gratefully and hopefully,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and for the honour and glory of your name.
Amen

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OUR VISION AND PRIORITIES 2020



BUILDING CONFIDENCE

reaching out with God's love and power
helping one another live for Jesus

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST YEAR



2020 marks the 150th anniversary of Holy Trinity Church. It gives us a wonderful opportunity throughout the year to remember God's faithfulness to us as a church for over a century and a half and the work he has done in and through us. Even over the past twelve months we have much to look back on and

give thanks for, including:

- A visit by a number of church members to our link church, St Peter's, in Kampala, Uganda
- Celebrating the work of Riverbank, Kick and LVA over three dedicated Sundays
- A successful men's weekend away, men's and women's breakfasts and women's events such as pudding and prayer in the vicarage garden and a gingerbread house making evening
- Saying a huge thank you to Penny Cox as headteacher of Holy Trinity School, and welcoming Alison Bateman as the new headteacher
- The launch of Film Forum as a way of engaging with culture and drawing people into church
- A summer baptism and confirmation Service marking new life in Christ for a number of people in the church
- A group of Church members attending Focus in July, a wonderful time to seek God together and build friendships with each other
- Rejoicing with James Clew and Liz Green at their wedding which involved every inch of the building used and decorated!
- Looking at the wide sweep of God's plans and purposes in the bible through the Big Story course in October
- Saying goodbye to Sarah Casson and commissioning her for work with St Mellitus in Liverpool
- Celebrating Creation Sunday with the help of A Rocha and considering how creation care fits into God's mission

SOME PRIORITIES FOR THIS YEAR

150 years of God's faithfulness is a great opportunity to celebrate. But it's not an excuse to stand still! God has much to do through us in our local area and beyond and we want to be open and available to all that he wants to do in us and through us in the years ahead.



So, along with celebrating the past 150 years, we want also to look to the future this year. That starts with our **building project** which we are now able to officially launch. An insert gives you more information and background to the project which we hope will invest in facilities that allow God's mission to thrive at HTR for many more years to come.

We don't want our building project to be the only way we look to the future. Another theme that God has given us for this year is **confidence**. Looking back on God's faithfulness in the past gives us great confidence for the future, and we believe God wants to build our confidence in three directions:

- **Inward confidence** that stands firm in who we are in Christ and lives confidently in the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the starting point for all we do and needs to be the foundation on which we build. God wants to increase our confidence in our identity and calling as his people.
- **Outward confidence** which allows us to live for Jesus in 21st-century culture. God has called us to be his ambassadors, to stand for him in the homes, families, workplaces, schools and universities where he has placed us. We can do that with confidence even in a world that seems increasingly hostile to Christianity.
- **Upward confidence** that trusts God in prayer. We aspire to be a praying church, but the busyness of life often crowds out our confidence in prayer. We believe that 2020 is the year where God is going to reignite our delight in prayer as individuals, in groups and as a church.