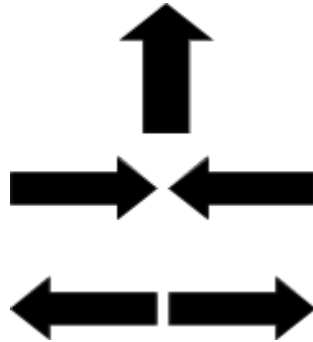


Vision for St Nicholas and St Hubert

Growing Together: Towards God, Each Other and Community



Towards God

We seek to be churches which:

- Purposefully seek to go deeper in our love and understanding of God through the Word, the Spirit and the sacraments.
- Values the Bible and aims to grow deeper in our understanding and practice of prayer, individually and corporately.
- Encourages sung and spoken praise and worship that is uplifting and spans and respects different worship styles and traditions.
- Nurtures the gifts God has given each of us and provides opportunity for these to be developed and used as part of our church life.

Towards Each Other

We seek to be churches where:

- Everyone can find a home and welcome beyond the superficial, somewhere they can belong; our relationships and a mix of ages matters to us.
- We enjoy and are energised by being together.
- We value being authentic in our discussions and a 'safe' place of trust and acceptance; it's OK to ask questions
- We can be honest with each other, recognising we all have different gifts, personalities and temperaments and all of us are "work in progress";
- We accept that we are all in different places in our journeys of faith.

- We are practically supportive and encouraging of each other in seeking to live out, and grow in our faith in our daily lives.
- Many feel able and want to play their part; its not just about the few.
- There is good communication; people know what is going on and why.
- We listen well as much as we share our own views.

Towards Community

We seek as churches:

- To be more outward looking than inwards, recognising that the “church” is the people, not the buildings.
- To be people who are a blessing to the wider community wherever God has placed us through the week.
- To foster links with our community where including other voluntary organisations and schools.
- To be able and willing to share with others, what it is that matters to us in our faith and why it matters.
- To use the resource of our two churches in a generous way which enhances and nurtures community life and enables us to play our part.
- To be able to respond wisely and helpfully to those in the community who seek our help.