

From this we chose 5 key points which might be used further in our Discernment Process:

- ◆ Offering a choice of services and different styles of worship. But does change in style of worship = conflict?
- ◆ Walking side by side. What does the congregation at All Saints need to do to maintain this? Are we inclusive?
- ◆ Is there an opportunity for the different views of the congregation of all ages to be heard?
- ◆ How can we be friendly and welcoming which includes offering support and nurture?
- ◆ How do we continue to offer a Eucharistic style of worship where there is a depth of spirituality?

There were 3 words which seemed to be common throughout all our discussions and which also are reflected in our All Saints Vision (www.allsaintsboynehill.co.uk)

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All Saints Church

Partnership for Missional Church

The following report has been produced by the PMC Steering Team. We have listened to you, the All Saints Church congregation, through the various events which we have been holding since starting the PMC process in September 2015. There have been opportunities for you to share your hopes and expectations together with your highs and lows of your time at All Saints. This information has now been gathered and assimilated. From this our challenge is to draw conclusions to try to establish what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do at All Saints Church.

Over the next few months, we are going to be holding a variety of further meetings and hope as many of you as possible will help with the next stage of PMC. That is, to be open to what God is calling us to do as a congregation and to be prepared to listen to one another to find out what is important for us at All Saints Church.

We will be using a process of Spiritual Discernment (including Dwelling in the Word) to help focus our thoughts and ideas in order to try to discover one or two concepts which we can take forward and explore in our second year of PMC.

Please try to join us at any of our planned meetings and continue to support and pray for PMC.

DWELLING IN THE WORD

PHILIPPIANS 1:27, 2:5-11

Only, live your life in a worthy manner of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Partnership for Missional Church Steering Team have considered the information gathered from the All Saints congregation through the Discovery Questionnaire (and subsequent Diocese report), Congregational Timeline event, and Church Future Finder report. These reports are available in full if anyone would like to see them.

Summary of the points raised:

Our Strengths:

- ◆ Our style of worship
- ◆ That we are friendly and welcoming discussion whether this is sustained

- ◆ That we are mutually supportive/walking side by side
- ◆ Our depth of Spirituality
- ◆ That God is alive and at work amongst us
- ◆ That we give the impression of a well-oiled machine
- ◆ There seems to be equal church experiences at different services
- ◆ We offer a Eucharistic service which gives a multi-sensory experience
- ◆ There has been a description that some of our services are “Razor-sharp”.

Our Opportunities:

- ◆ Could we try to attract more families and children?
- ◆ Do we understand the role of children/families? What is it they want from All Saints?
- ◆ Are the families/young people getting the same mutual support available to others i.e. Mother’s Union?
- ◆ Are we striving to avoid conflict?
- ◆ Are we looking out into the wider community?
- ◆ Do we sustain our welcome? E.g. build further on the post-Baptism contact we have already developed?
- ◆ Do we sustain our nurture? E.g. increasing what we currently offer after bereavement/illness