

To resource church members, the local community and the wider church.

- ✚ To offer regular opportunity of praying for and with the local community.
- ✚ To help people identify, develop, and use their God-given gifts for wherever He sends them.
- ✚ To develop friendships within the community.
- ✚ To support people in, for example, parenting, money management and marriage; or other need as God may reveal.

We will do this by:

- *Employing a part time community worker*
- *Promoting social events*
- *Working in partnership with other youth organisations and other churches locally, nationally and globally*

To learn intentionally how to be followers of Christ.

- ✚ To learn what it means to be evangelical Anglicans in our teaching and practise.
- ✚ To help every member identify, develop and fulfil God's call.
- ✚ To ensure that members are discipled in small groups and are in accountable relationships.
- ✚ To be good stewards of God's creation and provision.
- ✚ To support a growing children's and youth ministry.

We will do this by:

- *Sharing testimony to God's activity*
- *Resourcing a large team of adult children and youth leaders and developing youth discipleship groups*
- *Providing consistency between Sunday and other teaching*

To be united for mission around a variety of expressions of church.

- ✚ Develop the formal 11:10 service with a focus on Biblical equipping for Christian discipleship.
- ✚ Offer a complementary Common Worship Eucharist at St Edmunds.
- ✚ Develop all aspects of the 9:30 gathering, to be accessible to all, with a Biblical teaching focus on issues of contemporary interest.
- ✚ Develop the 6:30 service with an informal focus on the opportunity for God to speak to our hearts and minds.
- ✚ Start an after school church for families with younger children. (*Messy Church*).
- ✚ Ensure that all services are welcoming to newcomers.
- ✚ Encourage other new congregations and expressions of church to emerge.

To achieve all the above we will need:

- *Good communications including a dynamic and inspiring website*
- *A corporate image to enhance our visibility*
- *Targeted, strong, clear information*
- *Improved facilities that are more welcoming, with greater capacity, and more flexibility.*
- *To integrate the history of St Edmunds with its role as a living church for today*
- *To do all of this in a way that demonstrates generosity within the community.*



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Crofton Parish

A Vision for the Way Forward



Following extensive prayer, reflection and consultation, all aimed at seeking God's will for our Parish, we believe that His plan for our involvement in His Kingdom growth has three dimensions.

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