

ALL SAINTS, WINTERTON

Statements of Purpose

“Participating in the future encouraged by the past”

We are people of faith, who with God’s help, celebrate our Christian inheritance by:

- **Sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion¹**
- We will maintain the service pattern, which suits our current congregation.
- We will create, over time, new ways to cater for those 'locked' out by the nature of our current worship provision.
- We will create time and space for our close church family and time and space for our extended community family, to share and celebrate.
- We will offer space for individual quiet prayer and study.
- **Offering Hospitality²**
- We welcome everybody, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age and status.
- We will connect with our local community.
- We will create new opportunities for our community to make use of our church: and our church to reach out into our community.
- We will listen, serve and care for our community in a relevant but distinctive manner.
- We will make use of our own strengths, and encourage others to contribute theirs, so that we do all that we can to offer support, learning and service to our community: be they individuals, organisations or schools.
- We will work with our partners and fellow congregations in the community to offer appropriate services, which complement those already on offer locally.
- We will recognise the limits set by our small numbers: we must not promise that which we cannot deliver: it is better for us to ‘under promise and over deliver’ on ‘quality’.
- We will measure our success by means other than the simple counting of 'pew numbers' attending services.
- We will improve our communication with our community so that there is a fuller understanding of what we do and what we offer. This will help towards changing attitudes about our church.

In addition

- We value tradition but seek opportunity for change. We recognise that we are, and are seen to be, very traditional. We wish to maintain the best aspects of our Eucharistic tradition but we

1 Holy Communion is transcendent and immanent, complex and simple, quiet and joyful

2 The Gospel and its application; Inviting in and reaching out; Connecting and supporting

also recognise the need for change to take place if we are to remain relevant to the needs of our changing community. This change is a work in progress and already begun.

- We will develop ways to allow us to maintain the best of our building's physical past while bringing about changes for the future. This involves seeking ways to retain the best aspects of our building and its meaning as a place of worship, prayer and spiritual comfort but also finding ways to create flexible space. This will allow us to encourage the new developments needed to bring about a closer engagement with our community and to meet people's needs.
- We will aim to keep the church building open during most daylight hours, [our church will be 'visible' and open to all], preferably with duty person[s] on-site.
- We will make our space more available for community uses. In this, we will take advantage of the central physical presence in the community afforded by our location.