

A FOURTH STEP FOR 'ALL SAINTS FORWARD'

Another exciting step for the All Saints Forward project took place on 14th October. The first step in February involved interviews with a wide cross-section of the congregation and community at which people were asked about 'church life' in Winterton. This Cultural Audit led to a large amount of data about All Saints. A summary of our Cultural Audit was printed in the magazine last month.

The second step in April required the Core Group to consider the future sustainable Purposes of All Saints' Church. A further sub-group meeting explored the theology associated with these Purposes and step three in September involved the Core Group in a whole day meeting to ensure the final draft of the Statements of Purpose met with the full support of all group members and were in alliance with the findings from the Cultural Audit. This has now been adopted by the PCC and a copy of our Statements of Purpose can be found elsewhere in this magazine. Please do look at these statements which will guide our church in coming years.

Our fourth step in October found the Core Group joined for the morning session by several invited guests. Mike Joyce, Dennis and Angela Watterson, Bob Bridge and Linda Cawsey all gave valuable insights from the Methodist, Roman Catholic and Community viewpoints. Also present was Brian Foxley, our project architect, along with Alastair Simmons of Taskscape Associates Ltd. They guided us through the workshop session on 'Environment, Space and Technology' exploring how the purposes of All Saints can be best expressed by our building. A large number of ideas [based on our agreed Purposes] were put to Brian and these will influence the future of our church building.

This Project Brief is now being refined so that our architect can prepare some proposals. We have already had a complete digital survey made of the exterior and interior of our church to help with this process. Brian Foxley will present his design concepts for the church spaces, with illustrations in 2D and 3D, at a public meeting in the church on Saturday, 13th February, 2010. We will then need to consider these design options in the light of our Purposes and the activities desired and an indication of the time, team and tasks to achieve this. The PCC has agreed already that this meeting should be open to our own congregation and the wider community. Please book this date in your diary now! We will give more details about the format of the day in January. You will then be able to express your own views about the future of our church. No binding decisions have yet been made by the PCC.

This process has already led to the Core Group researching a number of possible changes in the use of the building and in the pattern of activities which may or may not be adopted in due course. It is an exciting time!

If you would like to know more about this project, please enquire – in the first instance – to Robin Shawyer, Treasurer of the PCC and Chair of the core group [tel: 01724 734285 or e-mail: rdshawyer@gmail.com]