



# ***Loving as Jesus loves. Praying as He prays, and Growing in Christ to make Him known***

## **Clergy Report – for September & October 2019**

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Welcome back from holiday, if indeed you have had one.

Welcome to September all.

A fresh season to celebrate and serve our Lord in. Halleluiah!

**Our Benefice Vision Statement is towards the top of this report. This is exciting!**

How are we talking and sharing about it? Let's do more ☺

What are we doing to understand & work out what the vision statement looks like "on the ground"?

- *Loving as Jesus loves* – Wow!
  - Do we? How can we do this more? What does it look like in practical day to day terms?
- *Praying as He prays* – Wow!
  - How central is prayer to our individual and corporate lives? How can we equip this activity more? How can we make more space and opportunity for it? How can we weave it more into the thread of day to day living?
- *Growing in Christ to make Him known* – Wow!
  - This is what we are about as church isn't it? Being ever transformed ourselves in such a way that our very lives display the works and wonders of God; so that others may "catch" the Spirit for themselves and come to know and live for Him too.

### **Benefice Services and Worship Pattern conversations update**

- All leadership arenas have had a chance to engage with this at least once before the summer.
- If you are reading this and missed a meeting or are not in one of our leadership team meetings, then ask someone who is! We should be talking and sharing about this.
- Church councils will be debating on these issues in the early autumn during Sept/Oct.
- The PIC will gather these thoughts together and offer an exciting and fresh pattern that can be trialled for 2020, for the councils to support and agree on at the Nov/Dec meetings.
- Remember the point of this is to increase our "reach" to the wider community around us, as well as to be real with who we are and what we have, using all to the greatest effect for the Kingdom of God in this place today.

*"I want to be a God-Gazer"* – from the book *Risk Taker* Malcolm Duncan

*"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ"* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*"Whatever happened to the Gospel"* RT Kendall

4ming Disciples who make Disciples.

*"SO What"?! – a phrase to journey with daily, as intentional Disciples of Jesus Christ*

Yours in Christ

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