


<p>DIOCESE OF EXETER</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN DEVON</p>			
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 <p><u>Growing in prayer</u> We want to grow in prayer, living a life close to God. This means taking risks as we become more honest with ourselves and more honest with God. Prayer opens up deep places within us to God's grace which is why it is such a life-giving activity. Growing in prayer is essential if we are to witness to God's Kingdom and become the people God has called us to be.</p>	<p>We are committed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encouraging the whole worshipping community to pray through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - praying before church meetings - publicising Morning and Evening Prayer incl. Evensong services and encouraging others to attend and lead services - Novena prayers (Thy Kingdom Come) - encouraging all parishes to use lay-led intercessions - retreats etc. – we are committed providing a programme of quiet days and weeks of guided prayer 		
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Making new disciples

A disciple is someone who follows Jesus Christ. With him as our companion and guide we can travel through life differently, and we hope others will share the adventure with us. We want to be more faithful in our discipleship and allow God to shape our priorities and values. The Christian gospel is good news and we need to find new ways of telling the story, of explaining the faith and giving a reason for the hope that is in us.

- education – we are committed to
 - proving an annual Lent course
 - holding occasional discussion groups
 - encouraging lay leadership
 - publicising courses and talks elsewhere
- vocations – we are committed to
 - encouraging vocations of parishioners for ordained and lay ministries
 - building on baptism ministry, funeral ministry, confirmations, serving, Eucharistic ministry
 - encouraging laity in services as above
- communication – we are committed to encourage and improve our communication and relationships through
 - The Beacon
 - parish magazines
 - website
- mission – we are committed to being alive to finding out what God is doing in our communities and joining in
- Children and Young Persons – we are committed to quality growth through
 - Messy Church
 - Sunday Club
 - active encouragement of Baptism and Confirmation
 - Safeguarding (incl. Vulnerable Adults) and proper procedures
 - contact with our village schools through services, events, assemblies

	- contact with Uniformed Organisations through Remembrance Sunday and St. George's Day		
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 <p><u>Serving the people of Devon with joy</u> We want to make a difference in the world and witness to God's love and justice, especially in the communities and schools where we live. Working in partnership with others who are transforming lives, we seek to address the global issues confronting our generation so that everyone may flourish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ hospitality - we are committed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - quality hospitality for church and non-church members - to be a church presence at village events ○ <u>being</u> a mission community ○ pastoral care – we are committed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensuring quality organised and accountable pastoral care of parishioners - providing quality and appropriate training for those engaged in formal pastoral care - ensuring those engaged have been subject to DBS checking ○ home communion – we are committed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing home communion for those who request it - providing appropriate training for those engaged in this ministry and encouraging new members to join the team ○ welcome – we are committed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing a good welcome for all - especially for children and families - ensuring training for sides-people - extending this ministry to newcomers to the village ○ to be a visible witness and place of prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - looking after our buildings and bells incl. 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decoration, renovation and maintenance - property - churchyards - parishioners' comfort 		
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ADMINISTRATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ we are committed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing worship of a high quality - reviewing the provision of regular and occasional services - planning an appropriate and manageable pattern of services based on the wishes of the parishes and the mission community as a whole - encouraging the participation of laity through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> lay-led services incl. Morning Worship, Evensong and Compline introducing services intercessions readers administering the chalice - regularly revising and updating Mission Action Plan - having churchwardens meetings - having joint PCC meetings - sharing best practice and skills ○ stewardship and giving – we will encourage through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - money - time - talents 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gift Day - Churchyard service - Parish donations (Broadhempston) - Covenanting - annual parish charitable giving - Parish Giving Scheme 		
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<p>Not every parish can offer every aspect of the Church's life and ministry, but by joining in partnership with neighbouring churches and forming a Mission Community we can work together more effectively. This will involve a commitment to:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 regular prayer and worship 2 pastoral care 3 evangelism and mission, often in collaboration with ecumenical partners 4 opportunities for learning, teaching, nurture and growth for disciples of all ages 5 youth and children's work and worship 6 equipping members for ministry and the development of ministry teams 7 ensuring our churches are safe places for all God's people by working together to prevent 8 abuse 9 connecting with the local community especially in service to the marginalised 10 good administration and stewardship of time, resources and buildings 		
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