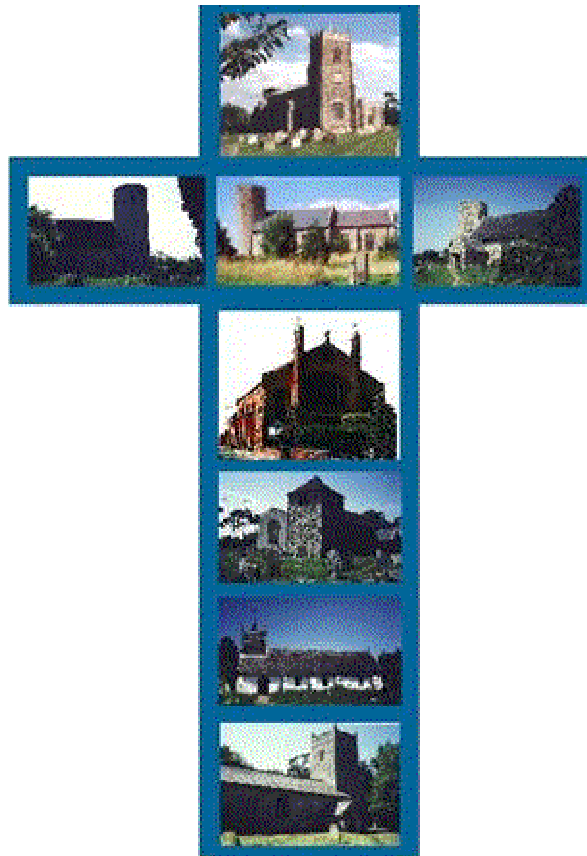




Chet Valley Benefice



Growth Plan

May 2009

Chet Valley Benefice Growth Plan

Some of the Good Things We are Currently Doing Are:

Discipleship

- Cell groups/house groups
- All age worship services
- Preparing for baptisms and follow up
- Leaders coming forward for Xpressions Café
- Ministry Leadership Team
- Leadership development course
- Lent courses
- Barn dance/social events
- Financial giving increased
- Shared lunches

Service

- Work in Infant & Junior Schools
 - Assemblies and services
 - Curriculum activities
 - Being governors
 - Listeners and lunch club
 - Xtended Listening scheme
- Noah's Ark
- Family & Children's Work
 - Holiday club
 - Xpressions events
 - Baptism visiting team
- Community Use of Church Premises
 - Pantomime
 - Art club
 - WI
 - Council cinema
 - Concerts
- Older People
 - Friends & Neighbours
 - Monday Mardle
 - Regular services in Saxon House
- Fairtrade
 - Chedgrave & Loddon both Fairtrade churches
- Giving
 - Regular committed giving at Chedgrave
 - Diocesan Lent project
- Ministry Team takes communion to housebound

Numbers

- Xpressions Café
- Informal Worship in Loddon
- *Alpha*
- Baptism visiting
- Barn dance etc.
- Lunch Club
- Men's Group
- Monday Mardle

Chet Valley Benefice Growth Plan

We Believe that God is Calling Us To:

Discipleship

- To promote small groups: to have 50% of the membership in small groups.
- To develop the 5th Sunday Services, making them 'unmissable'.
- To launch a daytime small group and a cell group for teenagers.
- To encourage and enable members to share their faith confidently.
- To provide opportunity for discerning vocation and call by promotion of *My Place*.
- To grow new leaders for Xpressions Café.
- To promote the Diocesan training events *Everyone Learning*.

Service

- To work closely together as parishes and improve communication between parishes.
- To share information in the media and church magazines about the life of the churches effectively.
- To identify and develop social action projects in the local area like freecycle at Noah's Ark and 'Besom'.
- To become more outward-looking with a wider focus than just the Chet Valley Benefice.
- To develop visiting and bereavement teams.

Numbers

- Develop the Xpressions brand across the benefice for all ages.
- To use Alpha as a tool to promote the Christian faith.
- To provide opportunities to build relationships through social events and by effective advertising of them.
- To develop a link between Rock Solid and Xpressions Café.

Chet Valley Benefice Growth Plan

In the coming year we will undertake the following:

Discipleship

- To promote small groups:
 - Aim to increase membership by 10% this year.
 - To explore the possibility of launching a daytime small group and a cell group for teenagers.
- To encourage and enable members to share their faith confidently.
 - Run at least one workshop for congregations
 - To work on Nigel's Arrow project to survey local people's beliefs
- To grow new leaders for Xpressions Café and other initiatives.
 - Promote the importance of leadership within the benefice.

Service

- To work closely together as parishes and improve communication between parishes.
- To identify and develop social action projects in the local area like freecycle at Noah's Ark and 'Besom'.
- To explore the needs and resource the development of visiting and bereavement teams.

Numbers

- Develop the philosophy behind Xpressions Café across the benefice for all ages.
- To use Alpha as a tool to promote the Christian faith.
- To provide opportunities to build relationships through social events and by effective advertising of them.
- To develop a link between Rock Solid and Xpressions Café.