

# Vision Update

September 2025

## Our Ten-Year Vision (2023-2033):

**'To be a God-centred and family-focused community that helps everyone meet Jesus'**

Our vision has three parts which are about growing in the ministry of the Holy Spirit, developing our children's & youth ministry and fostering a greater sense of family in our church community, and building up excellence in sharing our faith. (see our vision booklet)

Each year we are aiming to do things that hit each of these areas. I wanted to highlight some of the things we've done this last academic year and briefly look ahead.

## God-Centred

**Walk Through the Bible Seminar:** Around 40 guests came and enjoyed an excellent interactive walkthrough of the Old Testament, helping to understand the story leading up to Jesus. For more info and resources go to [bible.org.uk](http://bible.org.uk)

**Worship Songs:** A group from the worship team worked hard to put together a song list in order to help give us clarity over the songs we know as a church and should continue to sing. The team continue to meet in the year to talk, rehearse and pray together.

**Response Times in Services:** After the sermon, response times have become an increasing feature as we seek to hear from God and be moved by the Holy Spirit.

**24/7 Prayer:** This month we have joined in with the **Global Week of 24/7 Prayer**. A good opportunity to bring prayer into focus as we seek to deepen our relationship with God. If you haven't seen it yet, do visit the ever-developing Prayer Room upstairs!

## Family-Focused

**Light Party & Christmas Film:** We had around **100 guests** at the Light Party last year and 40 at the Christmas Film as we watched 'The Star'.

**Assemblies at Greenway:** It's been fantastic for the Assemblies Team to visit Greenway Junior as well as Trafalgar Infant this year! The team have been in once every half term. Please pray for the Gospel message to have an impact and for this relationship to continue.

**Youth Group:** As a result of Alpha, **Friday Youth** was started as a space to talk about faith and have fun. A church member paid for new equipment and resources for the group. Please pray for Craig and Faith as they head up this important ministry.

**Children and Young People:** A barrier and soft play were added to the Parent & Child area to make it a better space for parents to engage with the Sunday service.

We are encouraged by the **10 children and 6 youth** we have with us during our Sunday Gatherings – let's continue to pray for their discipleship and growth of this ministry.

**Newcomers Lunch:** It was great to have around **25 people** at our Newcomers Lunch! If there is someone you don't know at church, please go and say hello! It can make such a difference to speak to a friendly face!

## Helping Everyone Meet Jesus

**Alpha:** It was great to run Alpha for the first time since before COVID. We welcomed 13 guests and also ran **Alpha Youth** for 5 young people! We were also delighted to run the course 'First Steps' for a small group from the Alpha cohort, which then became a **new small group** run by Aaron and Becca Yonkoski. We are planning the next Alpha course to run in March 2026.

**The Welcome Afternoon Tea:** A huge thank you to Margaret Davies and the team who have committed the time to bring this ministry from being quarterly to **monthly**! This event aims to welcome those who are often by themselves or who are not church-goers – please pray for the team and please invite people along.

**Baptisms:** It was such a joy to baptise Luke, Jacqueline and Matthew earlier this year. Please pray for others who are considering baptism and for more people to accept Jesus as their friend and Saviour.

## Looking Ahead

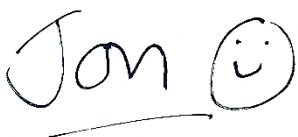
These are just a few highlights – there are many more. It's amazing to hear testimonies from people's lives and seeing what God is doing in our life together.

We are looking towards the **Quiz** in September, **Light Party** in October, **Family Film** in November and our **Christmas outreach**. In 2026, we look forward to **Alpha**, youth events and other possibilities. I'm grateful for the new **Events Team** helping to make these things possible.

Please always feel free to speak to myself or a member of the leadership team if you have an idea for an event or new ministry to be started. If you can volunteer in one of our existing ministries that would be a big blessing (see our new 'Regular Activities' leaflet)

It is hugely important that we use the gifts that God has given us and seek to grow in new ones. If you have a gift or talent but are not sure how to use it in the life of the church, or if you're not sure what your gifts are, please do have a conversation with me.

God is doing something new! (Isaiah 43:19)



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