

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We all belong to the Parish of Cove family and so we pray that every single person can be involved in the next stage of meeting our 2020 Vision. Here are some ways:

PRAYING We can all be praying for one another, for achieving our vision for the year ahead, your place in this, and ask God to provide the resources that we need.

GIVING We can prayerfully consider our giving to the Parish. Could we give a little more, give more regularly or efficiently, or boost our giving through Gift Aid? Whether we can give a little or a lot, we know that God can use ALL of it.

JOINING IN There are many teams and ways in which we can get involved in the work of the Parish. Some need extra help to continue their good work, others need help to start or grow. All are valuable.

WAYS TO GIVE

At present 48 families in our parish already give through the Parish Giving Scheme.

	Regular giving helps the parish with budgeting	Updating the amount in line with inflation	Gift Aid means HMRC boosts your gift by 25%
Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)	Automatically through Diocese	Optional annual review	Yes monthly
Standing Order and Gift Aid	Automatically via bank and parish	In your hands	Yes / possible annually
Collection envelopes	Possible	In your hands	Possible
Cash in the collection	No	In your hands	Possible
One-off gift cheque, cash, ...	Possible	In your hands	Possible

Cheques payable to 'PCC of Cove Parish'

Parish bank details: Sort code 60-15-42, Account number 50199803



2020
VISION
"Being Family"



PARISH OF COVE - ONE FAMILY IN TWO HOMES

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves"
Romans 12:10

CELEBRATE

We have much to celebrate as the Parish of Cove for what God has done in this last year. There have been changes and many blessings. We are becoming a closer family as one parish meeting in our two churches across the five congregations. We are getting to know one another, serving together and God is adding to our numbers.

- 25+ people have joined our parish since April
- 900+ people worshipped on Remembrance Sunday at church and civic services
- 11 guests followed our previous Alpha course and a new one is under way
- Several families have come for baptisms and are now part of our family

WE ARE REACHING OUT AND WELCOMING IN

- Over 50 people attend Meeting Point each month
- Through Nepali Coffee Break we have contact with 30 people
- Toddler groups in the parish see around 80 children each week
- On average 17 children come each month to Messy Church

OUR PARISH IN NUMBERS

- Over 20,000 people live in our parish. 69% of this population live in families and 60% are under 44 [source ONS Census 2001]
- Eight schools are within our parish
- 225 people are on the Parish of Cove electoral roll

OUR 2020 VISION

In 2020 we want to continue and build upon all the great things we are doing but put our focus on “being family”, both within the congregations we attend and across the parish so we become family with one another.

As we pray together and for one another, we want to invest in pastoral care and in families through developing our children’s and youth work in the parish.

As a result, the PCC has developed our Church Development Plan for this year to focus on these three areas:

- Everyone, young or old, to know they are valued.
- Build a prayerful community led by the Holy Spirit
- Investigate ways to develop our outreach to children and young people – including looking at the appointment of a Children, Schools and Family Worker.

VALUING EVERYONE

To enable us to do this we are developing an across parish pastoral care team and want to train and support those in our newly formed pastoral care team. Part of this support will be offering training on the new ‘Pastoral Visitors’ course offered by the diocese.

BUILDING A PRAYERFUL COMMUNITY

As the PCC we will also be doing a review of prayer across the parish so we can put prayer at the heart of what we do so we are covered in prayer and feedback the answers to prayer which we are seeing across the parish on a regular basis.

OUTREACH TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

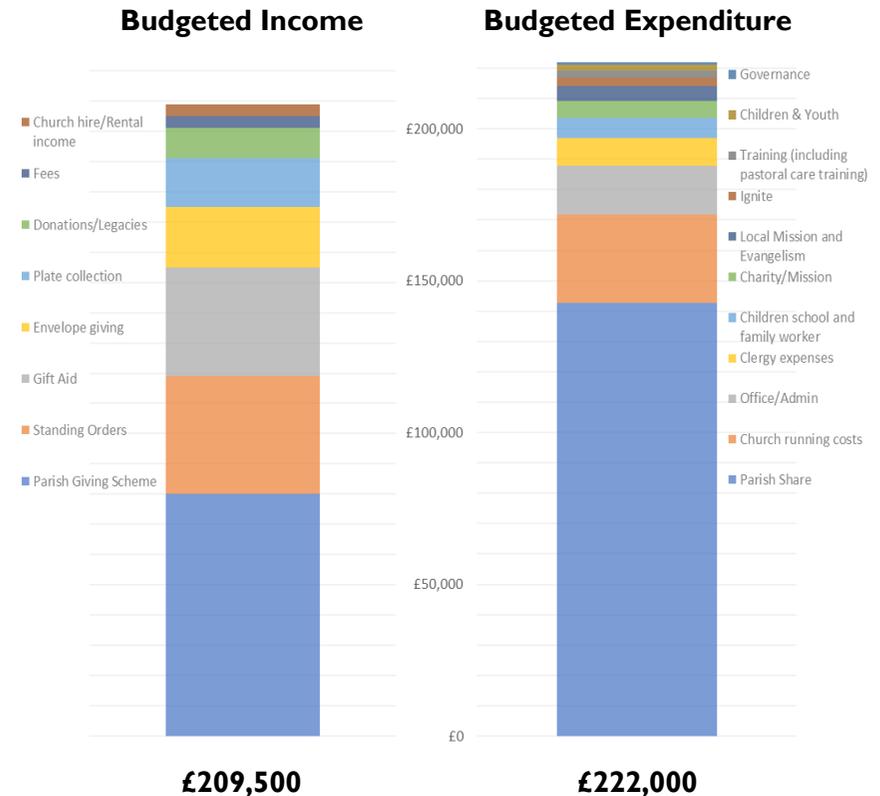
The final focus is to investigate ways to develop our current ministry and outreach to children and youth so this area of the church can grow in depth and number. A big part of this is engaging with our mission field of seven infant / junior / primary schools in the parish.

To enable us to do this we believe we need to employ a Children, Schools and Family Worker. We are applying for a grant from the diocese and other places so we would not need to cover the full amount for a number of years. The appointment would happen in September, so each September we would need to raise our giving:

Sept 2020	Sept 2021	Sept 2022	Sept 2023	Sept 2024
£14,639	£14,939	£15,429	£22,929	£30,000

We praise God that through generosity in the congregation we have already been given a significant gift towards children and youth work, and some of this will enable the children and young people work to be sustainable after an initial grant.

FINANCES IN 2020



It costs £4250 per week to run Christ Church and St John’s, and the parish is only funded through our giving. This chart shows that a gap of £12,500 is anticipated for 2020 so there is an immediate need to increase our giving.

To close that gap would need new commitments from us. For example, 50 people committing to £26 per month, 100 people giving £13 per month, or some combination of this.

We also need to grow our giving for a Children, Schools and Family Worker.

Amounts given are confidential; the clergy do not know how much people give. The clergy would like to thank those who are committing to come on this journey through prayer and generosity. Please pray this through and return your response form to the office.

Every £1 makes a difference, enabling us to reach out to people in Cove