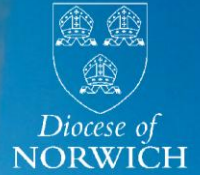


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**Growth**



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# GROWTH PLAN

Name of Parish or Benefice:

Caistor St Edmund

Incumbent: Rev Rosie Bunn until end of April 2011

Other clergy:

Permission to Officiate (PTO) :Canon Jack McGinley,  
Bishop Richard Garrard, Rev Ken Reeves

Readers: Steve Carter, Lyn Marsh

Other Ministry Team members: Brian Day

Completed: January 2008 - updated 2011

## **IN DISCIPLESHIP**

How do we enable the people of Christ to fulfil their part in God's mission; teaching, baptising and nurturing believers?

*Give details of current and intended mission activities*

### **What are the good things we are already doing?**

Service every week with a variety of services, mixture of formal and informal formats, traditional and modern services caters for differing worship preferences

Two Eucharist services each month led in different ways by Rosie and Canon Jack McGinley. Members of congregation lead intercessions

Church has a homely, holy, peaceful atmosphere – church is open on Sundays in summer

Small central active group with a large fringe group who support the church

Lent and Advent Breakfasts bring together people for discussion and study

Pastoral Ministry Team set up– The team has helped to arrange some special services and been given some training

### **What else is God wanting for us?**

Widen and increase knowledge of the Bible

Promotion of the Pastoral Ministry Team to ensure all parish is aware of their work

Review size of group meetings and discussions to remain parish focused

### **What can we do this year?**

Meet to discuss and study Bible– e.g. Lent Breakfasts held on Fridays

Ensure rest of congregation knows what Pastoral Ministry Team is planning/doing .

Plan some services as necessary during Interregnum e.g. Remembering the departed service

## IN SERVICE

How best can we respond to human need by loving service?

How do we safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth?

How should we seek to transform the unjust structures of society?

*Give details of current and intended mission activities*

### **What are the good things we are already doing?**

Support isolated and elderly on regular basis

Support the bereaved and organise Remembrance Service (Pastoral Ministry Team)

Organising Toddlers group with some Christian links

Writing and producing Free for all (Jill Day)

Support Beccles Children's' home twice a year (Harvest and Christmas) – increased contact in recent years with inviting children from the home to special services and social events

Keep the church and churchyard in good repair

Open up the church to the community – open days and make it available for PC meetings – make best use of the new facilities

### **What else is God wanting for us?**

Increased awareness of needy in the parish and beyond parish boundaries- locally, nationally and internationally

Develop awareness of church activities across parish

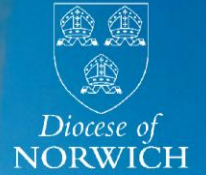
Ease obstacles for people attending church

### **What can we do this year?**

- Improve experience when visitors come into church – e.g. make candles available, use new notice boards for displays etc
- Open up church more, especially at time of Archaeological dig on Roman Town in August to welcome visitors and Open Churches Week and to support Roam Town Tours by Archaeological Trust



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- Ensure website is kept up to date with activities
- Annual Newsletter to tell everyone of what Church is doing
- Maintain contact with Beccles Children's Home, further our contact with All Saints Centre
- Offer lifts to church
- Continue to offer more support for Jill with Toddlers
- Produce new church leaflet for visitors
- Every PCC agenda to include item to review special services

## • IN NUMBERS

How are we proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom?

*Give details of current and intended mission activities*

### **What are the good things we are already doing?**

Offer a warm welcome at every service – ensure there is a welcome team

Special services,

Offer hospitality after services

### **What else is God wanting for us?**

Include more people from the fringe.

Review each special service to evaluate impact and seek improvements for future services

‘Nurture’ contact with those baptised at church

Be aware of opportunities to promote confirmation

Improve visitors’ experience of church and make best use of new facilities

### **What can we do this year?**

- Do more promotion for Mothering Sunday Service to encourage families to come
- Hold Family Service every month and ensure it is family-orientated
- Continue to follow up baptisms with cards on anniversary etc
- Provide facility for prayer requests to be left when church is closed
- Improve links with Parish Council- invite them to meet in church and PCC member to attend meetings
- Songs of Praise service to be held in August
- Order new furniture and carpet fro Children’s area