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## Our purpose

- is to build a loving Christian family of faith and to nurture our spiritual lives as we share God's love.

## Our vision for St Stephen's

- is to foster a kind, loving and healthy Christian Community:
  - celebrating God's presence in our lives, helping those of all ages in building spiritual lives and faith; and
  - helping the community of St. Stephen's, the larger community of Current River and area by providing spiritual, emotional, moral, mental and physical support.
- With Jesus leading the way, together everyone achieves more.

## Goals and Objectives 2019-2022

Adopted June 10, 2019 Parish Council Meeting

## Mission

### *Reconciliation*

1. Watch video 'Doctrine of Discovery': Diane to lead four, two-hour sessions or a half a day, prior to Synod 2021, hold it Wednesdays October 16 to November 6, 2019. COMPLETED 2019
2. Gathering toques and mitts, encourage knitters: in fall of 2019, Wendy to create a place to keep them; extras give to Current River Churches Food Cupboard, Dew Drop Inn, and Mission to Seafarers.
3. Once a year have a PWRDF Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in October: Diane to involve Sunday School, sermon presentation of their work, meal, get their resources. STARTED 2019
  - October 2019
  - January 2021
  - October 2021
  - October 2022
4. Encourage random acts of kindness: reference in sermons, Sunday School, Facebook post, check in at Parish Council meetings.
5. Find out more about Urban Abbey: someone research it and present to Parish Council.

6. Diane to find out about Coventry Cathedral and present to parish. STARTED 2020
  - Presented to Parish Council in July 2020
  - tabled until spring 2022

## Worship

1. Offer a refresher session for Eucharistic Assistants: June 16 after worship. COMPLETED 2019
  - Offer session when we resume their use
2. Support a student organist: how do we find people? How much are we going to pay?  
Parish Council to assign a task group and report back by January 2020. STARTED 2019
  - It was decided that this objective was not feasible to complete
3. Explore New Zealand and Iona liturgies: get Bishop's permission, identify Sundays;  
get a group of people to do leg work. STARTED 2019
  - New Zealand liturgy offered January 19, 2020
  - Research done on Celtic liturgy; need Archbishop's approval; aim for March 2022

## Community Building

1. Host an annual picnic/BBQ in the church yard after worship on a Sunday: July 21 and August 18,  
play some outdoor games, offer music; Janet, Barb W. and Wendy to lead. STARTED 2019
  - Try for 2022
2. Offer a family day at least once a year: Advent, Lent, Thanksgiving, potluck, craft, prayer.  
November 30. STARTED 2019
  - Try when return to normal
3. Create a sign board for people in key parish positions: at the September Parish Council meeting  
identify positions, where to put board. COMPLETED 2022
4. Look at name tags for people holding key parish positions: at the September Parish Council  
meeting identify positions, type of name tag. COMPLETED 2022
  - Planning to have the name tags made for January 2022
5. Update sign on east wall: discuss at the September Parish Council meeting. STARTED 2019
  - Planning to do summer 2022 (when funds available)
6. Explore Anglican Foundation: Diane/Canon Ed to present at the winter 2022 Parish Council  
meeting and decide what to do.
7. Get sign for Birch Point inviting people to join us: made to fit in sandwich board.  
COMPLETED 2019
8. Movie night and pizza: discuss at a Parish Council meeting.
  - Planned for March 2020, but postponed due to COVID-19
9. Do a community activity such as the Hike for Hospice: develop a list of activities and  
discuss at a Parish Council meeting. STARTED 2019
  - Parkinson's walk September 2019

## Faith Formation

### *Discipleship*

### *Stewardship*

1. Alpha follow-up social, invite participants from Alpha 2018 course: Diane to help lead, discuss at fall 2019 Parish Council meeting.
2. Review how Sunday School is offered and how Nursery could be offered: Diane to lead, discuss at fall 2019 Parish Council meeting. COMPLETED 2019
3. Offer an annual Quiet morning / workshop on prayer: Advent, Lent, summertime? Evening? STARTED 2019
  - Stewardship session November 13, 2019
  - Quiet Morning March 7, 2020.
  - Wednesday evenings in Lent 2021

## Pastoral Care

1. Engage a speaker from the Medically Assistance in Dying committee.
2. Host an Alzheimer's coffee hour after worship in September.
3. Host a Bullying and Fraud prevention workshop.
4. Host Dementia workshop and get a dementia friendly place designation. COMPLETED 2019
5. Develop the capability to offer funeral pre-planning: Pastoral Team develop this over the summer of 2019.
  - Complete in 2022