



*"Our vision is to be a growing church, at the heart of the village. This plan is how we intend to make that vision a reality."*



St Leonard's Church is part of a group (benefice) of churches which includes St Peter's Oundle, and St Mary the Virgin, Benefield.

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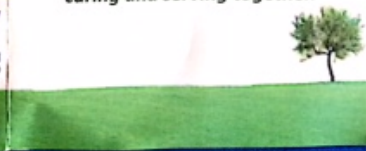


**St Leonard's Church  
 Glaphorn**

**Growth  
 Action  
 Plan**



St Leonard's aims to be a growing family of Christians in Glaphorn, consisting of, and committed to, people of all ages, **worshipping, praying, learning, caring and serving together.**



**Our Five Year Vision**

**Worship**

- ⊗ Our church building will regularly be filled with people of all ages and stages of life and faith gathering to worship God.
- ⊗ Vibrant living worship will be expressed through a breadth of styles over the course of each month and year.

**Discipleship**

- ⊗ All church members will be committed to growing in their faith, and will want to help others to do the same.
- ⊗ Our growing love for Jesus will lead us to be even more generous with our time and money.

**Faith in action**

- ⊗ Through actions and words we will be a church sharing the good news of Jesus with our village.



- ⊗ Glaphorn residents will be confident that the church is good news for the village.
- ⊗ Any person in need in Glaphorn will have the opportunity to receive support and care from the church.

**Connecting**

- ⊗ Together we will be outward-looking, allowing the needs of those not yet part of the church to shape what we offer.
- ⊗ We will make the most of every opportunity to connect with children, families and young people, particularly through our relationship with Glaphorn C E School.
- ⊗ We will be active members of the benefice, sharing our expertise with, and learning from, the other churches.

**Building**

- ⊗ Our building will be 'fit for purpose' and we will allow our plans for worship and outreach to shape the ongoing enhancement of our building.



**Our Targets for Year One**

- ⊗ Establish a small group to review the pattern and styles of worship. Bring proposals to the PCC for consideration and approval. Any new service pattern would be implemented no sooner than Easter 2017.
- ⊗ Launch a discipleship group, meeting fortnightly for prayer, Bible study and encouragement.
- ⊗ Identify a team of people willing to offer care and support to Glaphorn residents in times of need. Put together a role outline, and invite those interested to take part in training. Formulate a strategy for supporting the village.
- ⊗ Refresh the village newsletter and church website, highlighting what is currently offered by the church.
- ⊗ Establish links with two charities – a local one and an overseas one.
- ⊗ Encourage younger church members to join the PCC (Parochial Church Council).
- ⊗ Formulate a holistic plan for building improvements, accounting for the pressing needs, and the longer term aspirations.

