

1) Focus on structures for growth

1. Celebrate Derek Pamment as Priest June 20th 6.30 2020 (St Gile's N-U-L)
2. Employ Youth and Children's Pastor to start ASAP
3. Employ an administrator for 18 hrs per week covering the office every weekday
4. Employ a caretaker to help manage the church plant and needs of bookings
5. Fully implement the iKnowChurch management system (All Values)
6. Continue to encourage those who have a sense of calling to leadership in ordained or lay ministry (Values#3&4)
7. Evaluate the Growing Leaders course with a view to using participants as mentors in future courses. Investigate Growing Young Leaders course for young people. (Values#1,3&4)
8. Expand Life Group structure to create space for newcomers (Value#4)
9. Hold regular Newcomers Lunches when possible – (Value#3&5)
10. Continue Alpha course annually - online or in person, including consideration of Youth Alpha (Values#2,4&5)
11. Investigate and pursue equipping the church to stream online (All Values)

2) Focus on going deeper into God and wider into the Community

1. Go away for church family weekend July 16th-18th 2021 (Values#1,2,3&4)
2. Hold a baptism and confirmation service for new disciples (Values#1,3&4)
3. Intentional Discipleship group implement vision for regular 'refresh' days (Values#1,3&4)
4. Form group to oversee our value#5 'Outreach to the Community' (Values #2&5)
5. Continue preaching mini sermon series with preaching team meeting regularly to feedback to each other (Values#1,2&3)
6. Continue online outreach to the Ash Green school community with the Open The Book project including blessing schools with end of term cakes. Grow links with Trentham Academy. (Values#2&5)
7. Finalise new website and branding and look at social media presence (Values#2,3&5)
8. Connect with the community at every opportunity through Trentham Local – Remembrance, Christmas, Easter, Harvest and make the most of events linking with the history of the area (Values#2&5)
9. Use our church and church centre for retreat, renewal and refreshment for our church, the city and the diocese (Values#1&5)
10. Grow the link with Malaysia whilst continuing to support our 5 mission partners (Values #4&5)

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS in Trentham and Beyond...

Value #1:
Seeking
the Heart
of God

Value #2:
Preaching
the Authentic
Gospel

Value #3:
Valuing
Each Other
and Identifying
Gifts



Value #4:
Intentional
Discipleship

Value #5:
Outreach to the
Community

This Vision Document has been produced as a result of PCC and leadership team meetings. We prayerfully believe that this is God's vision for our church and sets the direction of travel for the next season under His guidance.

We believe in Sharing the Love of Jesus...

God's love, like a river, flows towards us, in us and through us. The Celts like St. Werburga recognised the significance of rivers in community. They based their houses of prayer (mynsters) at the intersection of rivers. A mynster was built here in Trentham in the second half of the 7th century and is the spiritual roots of our church.

The river of life is a constant theme in the Bible; in Genesis pouring out in creation and watering the garden of Eden, in Ezekiel's vision flowing from the temple out into the desert bringing life wherever it went. It is seen as a blessing to all who are near it and entering the deep roots of nearby trees it produces leaves and fruit for the healing of the nations. (See Genesis 2 Ezekiel 47 and Revelation 22).

Trentham church was planted by a river to share the love of Jesus. It was a place of hospitality and refreshment, prayer and healing, learning and discipleship. We build on these foundations today and long for the deep wells of God's love and mercy to flow through our lives, church, community and beyond.

Over recent centuries, Trentham with its gardens and lake have represented a place of refreshment and retreat to the city and beyond. We believe God is calling us to make the invitation to those who will hear...

'Come to the river and rest from the wounds of life, so you may return refreshed to live for Christ'

The world's greatest need is love and the Bible tells us that 'God is Love' (1 John 4:8) So let us commit to placing ourselves in the river of God's love, being filled with His Spirit so that we might overflow His Love in the world.

Come to the river, **be filled** with the Spirit and **overflow** in the world...

In Seeking the Heart of God, we want Trentham Church Family to be focussed primarily on our relationship with God. Our vision is for every service to be an encounter with God's love through our living Lord Jesus in the power of His Word and Spirit, for everyone. We love inspirational worship and Bible teaching. Everything we do as a church family is rooted in Seeking God's Heart and will.

Trentham Church Family believes in Preaching the Authentic Gospel. The power of Jesus' life, death and resurrection as laid down in the Bible is the truth on which we stand. We believe that this truth has the power to transform lives and heal our relationship with God, heal our relationships with each other and bring healing to our wider community.

At Trentham Church we believe Everyone is Valuable and has Gifts to Offer. We want every person who is able, to play their part in God's family by getting involved in some way. We recognise that serving and giving is an act of worship that helps us to grow as disciples. We all have a part to play in identifying gifts and encouraging involvement and caring pastorally for each other.

Trentham Church is a place where we are Intentional about Discipleship. We have a vision where everyone, whatever their age, knows how they can take another step on their journey with Jesus. Our church isn't just about worship on Sunday mornings; it is about living everyday as a follower of Jesus. Whatever our daily routine, work, family situation we believe we are all full time disciples of Jesus. We have a variety of small groups that run during the week to encourage 24/7 discipleship.

Trentham church is committed to Outreach in the Community and beyond. We believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth, the Life for all people everywhere. Jesus commanded us to go and make disciples and the early church gives us a picture of how the Holy Spirit can use us to take the good news of Jesus into our community. We recognise that we are called as a church to help those in need and are committed to connecting with the wider communities of Stoke-on-Trent, North Staffordshire and around the world.