

Interfaith Away Day

Reflection on Vision and Strategy

30th October 2018 – Christ Church, Oxford

Together to become a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world

- Contemplative
- Compassionate
 - Courageous

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- Cornflakes
 - Curry
- Croissants!!

Christ-like Interfaith

People focussed

Reconciling without crushing difference

Integrity with others and within ourselves

Marginalised

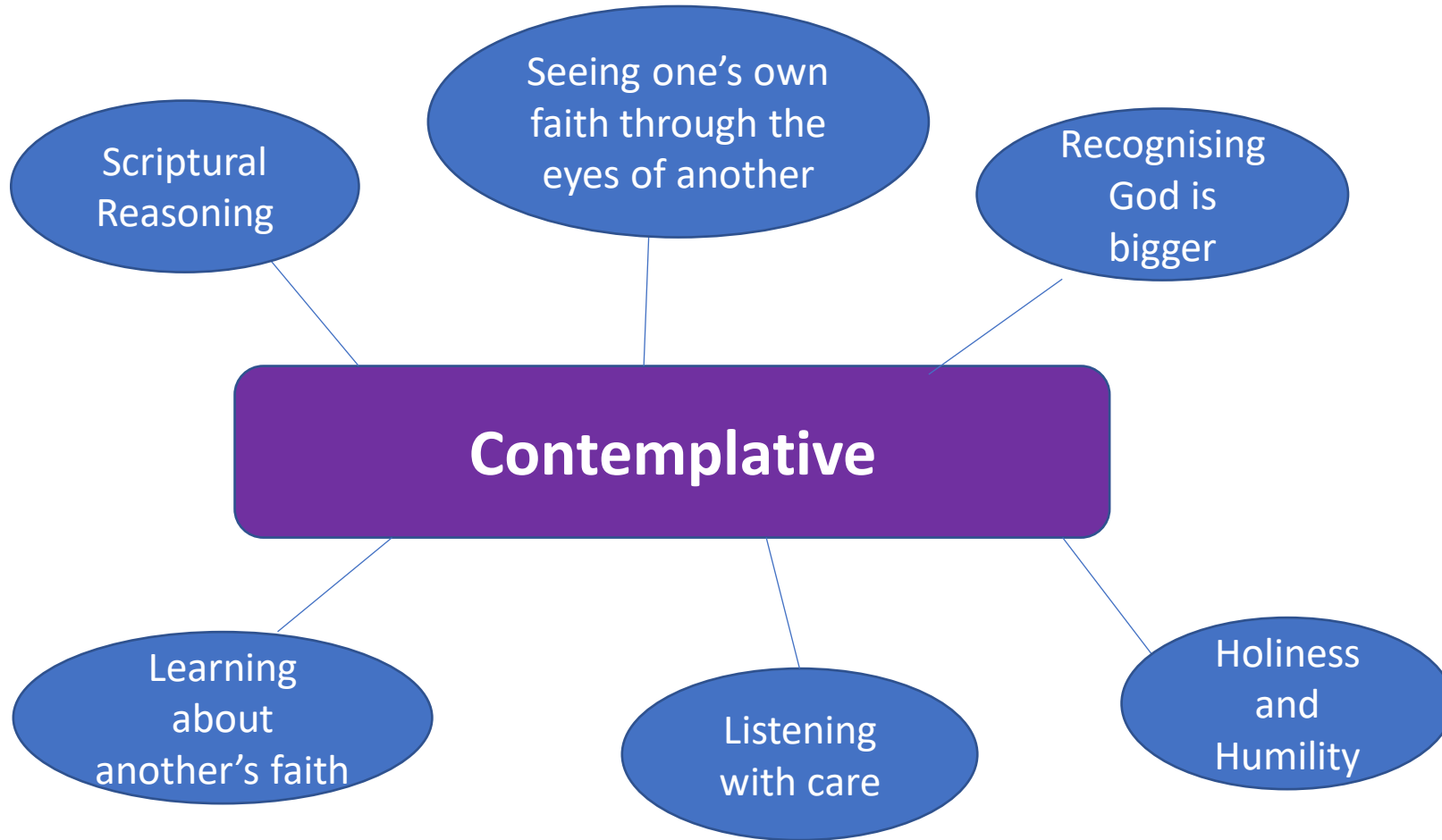
Restoring right relationships

Above all else put on Love

Hospitable

Decentring where the other takes central place

Receiving from others as guest



Scriptural Reasoning

Seeing one's own faith through the eyes of another

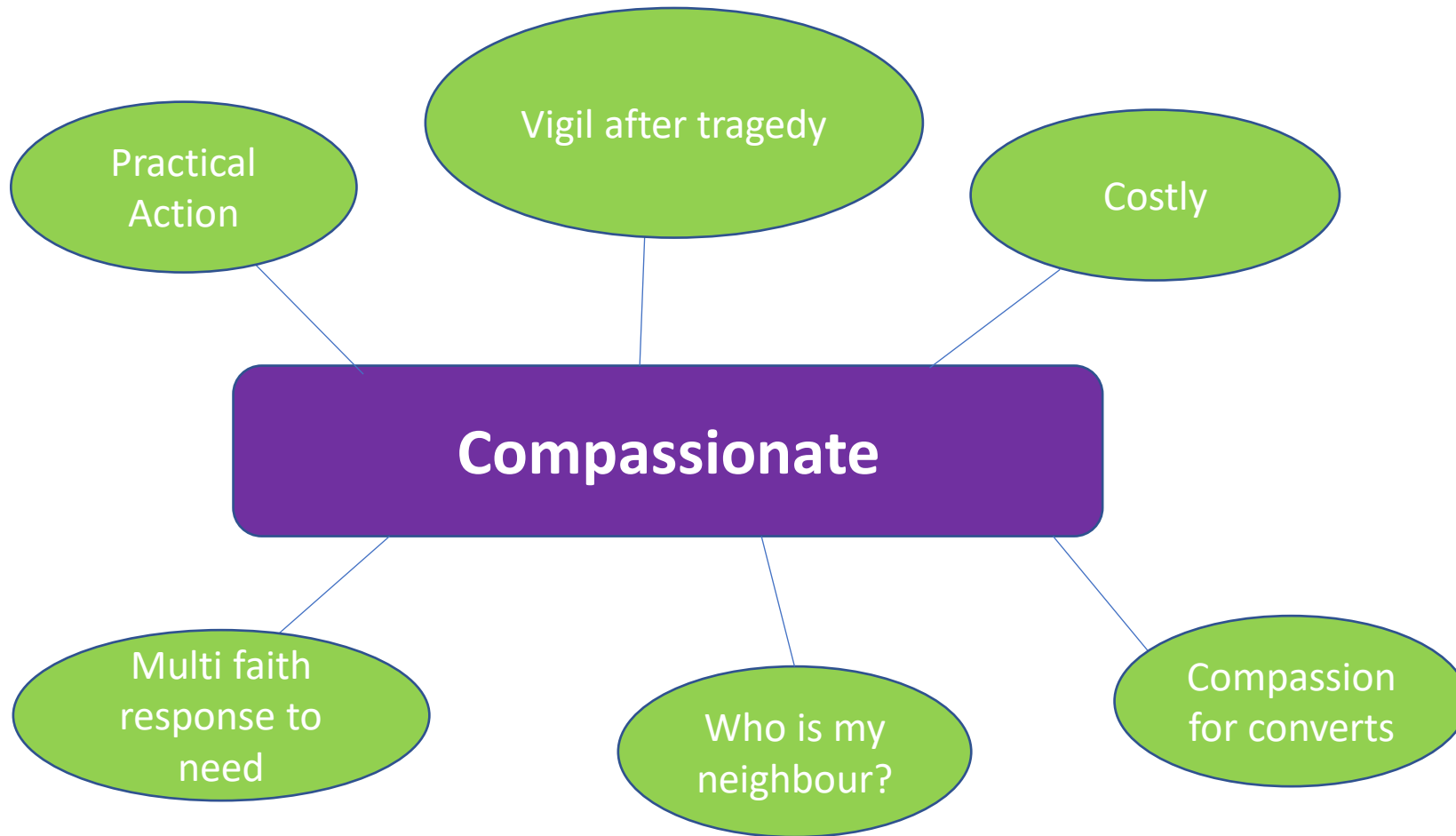
Recognising God is bigger

Contemplative

Learning about another's faith

Listening with care

Holiness and Humility





Aims of the Committee for Interfaith Relations

- To support, resource and enable individuals, churches and clergy in P&E and other Parishes
 - AIFA network: Area meetings for clergy and lay invited from each P&E parish
 - Development of interfaith page on Diocesan website
 - Annual CMD day and IME to develop learning
- To keep members of the Diocese aware of other faith communities and to enable and encourage constructive engagement
 - Support good practice in areas using website
 - Offer an annual visit to another faith community or place of worship
- To be a forum in which interfaith concerns, as they affect the Diocese, can be explored
 - Use of Area meetings with AIFAs to discuss interfaith concerns, to be relayed at ODCIR meetings
 - Annual symposium or event in each Area

Looking ahead.....

- A Christ-like church is present and engaged – not absent and disengaged!
- How can we validate and affirm the value of people and churches being present and engaged?
- Can we do this rather than saying “you should be doing this....”?
 - As in ‘Setting God’s People Free’
- Support for the Area Interfaith Advisors
 - Relational networks
 - Small groups / forums
 - Meeting early 2019 with Martin Gorick

Quote from Pope Francis to an ecumenical youth audience on 1st October 2018:

“ You boys and girls, young people, know this; when a Christian community is truly Christian, it does not engage in proselytism. It only listens, welcomes, accompanies and walks (alongside), But does not impose anything.”