

MISSION ACCOMPANIER

I was pleased to be invited by Father Alan to walk alongside you as your Mission Accompanier in April 2023. A small team have been meeting with Father Alan and I to consider the past, the present and the future shape of our life and witness.

I have seen that you cherish your Anglo-Catholic liturgical and spiritual tradition and desire to form present and new generations of Christians in sacramental living. To use of the Church buildings, position and the opportunities God has given to serve the parish. You greatly value the volunteers in the congregation and partners in the community who serve the life and vision of Holy Trinity.

Last September we held an open fellowship day. Together we created a, 'Holy Trinity Time Line from 2000 to 2023'. This exercise was not exhaustive but served as a reminder of our journey of faith over the last 23 years. God has been faithful and we thank God for everyone that has served. We remind ourselves that, as God has led us in the past we can trust Him for our future.

We also We spent time reflecting, then sharing around the following themes;

- What are we Thankful for
- What are we Praying for
- What are we Hopeful for
- What are we Challenged by

Thankful for: The Sacraments. Our Fellowship/friendship. Our Church Building, that our church is open every day to everyone. Father Alan, that we have our own Priest.

Praying for: Growth in terms of numerical, greater influence and personal spirituality. For more helpers.

Hopeful for: numerical growth, Courage, to face life and do God's will.

Challenged by: Some of us lack strength. Lack of interest in Christianity by the community.

It was encouraging day and helped to remind us of all that God is doing amongst us.

Some churches are understandably still static after Covid but it felt to me that Holy Trinity is developing well and that a range of worthwhile activities take place throughout the year.

You are to be congratulated on all that was achieved. It was good to note that alongside the gathered activities and programmed events there were numerous 1-2-1 interactions and encounters, all of these are seeds of hope and represent our Christian-ministry to the community. I recently read the 'visitors' book how people find peace and comfort by visiting our church. It was also great to see the Church reaching out at the Canal festival too.

I must say the warmth and friendly-easy way you relate together and to visitors is exemplary. We all know how important a welcoming smile and cup of tea is when joining a new community.

I know many of you are prayerfully concerned and committed to the future life of Holy Trinity. I look forward to continuing to work with you. If you want to contact me or have suggestions and ideas feel free to email me on Nigel.Tween@outlook.com

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