

## **Presentation to the APCM 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017**

### **AIDE MEMOIRE NOTES**

#### **Slide 1 and Introduction**

I wanted to make this very short presentation, maximum 10 minutes, on 2020 Vision – A Mission Worth Living. I have prepared hard copy handouts, which I am passing round; the presentation is too short to make a full screen presentation, though this will be in store at some later dates in September which I will mention at the end. I will also have it put on our website for you to look at your leisure.

Slide 1 has our beautiful logo designed under the auspices of Kristen Anderson on the PCC. Why 2020 Vision? Careful thought went into this back in October: our thinking was to underpin the future with 2020 normal eyesight and a normal Christian responding to the Gospel. The logo encapsulates in the middle our congregation looking outward and in different colours – the whole thing reflects St Anne's Mission to be Christ-centred, Faithful, Inclusive and Outward Looking. Wherever you see this logo, you will see communications which will hopefully prompt you to think of our Vision for the future over a period of say 5 years and beyond, the various projects we have collectively identified and where we are with them.

#### **Slide 2**

This slide looks at where we are now: we are blessed with a richly talented congregation who take pleasure in volunteering in numerous ways. We are further blessed with an outstanding Parish Administrator, Marie Crockford, whom many of you know, together with a part time Director of Music. This is all underpinned by our totally dedicated stipendiary Priest, Father Nigel.

What are our constraints? Again, back in October, we recognised that we are operating at virtually full physical and practical capacity – events and services and appointments populate the calendar with few gaps especially at weekends. Yet unless we start and carry out this planning process, St Anne's will not grow. We may not realise our full potential.

#### **Slides 3 & 4**

These slides cover our important objectives and we all must be mindful of and explicitly see the links with not only serving St Anne's but also address through the pursuit of Social Justice and Peace, the challenges that face the wider community. What are the wider issues: inequality, climate justice, wealth, homelessness, disability and poverty. These topics must be on our agenda and built in to practical proposals. In Slide 4, I quote from an important paper written courtesy of Chris Stephens and Claudine McCreddie, of four guiding principles – these are listed. We must be inclusive and be welcoming to all ages, inclusive of male and female ministry, inclusive of same sex couples and people with disabilities.

## **Slide 5**

At the outset of our planning process, we recognised that we needed vastly better channels of communication with the congregation and the outside world. A lot was accomplished in a matter of a few months and these achievements are outlined in Slide 5. The new logo courtesy of Kristen, mentioned previously, but also other technical developments courtesy of Adam Watson and Molly Hawn. The new website is a vast improvement on the old website and is parallel in style to Paul Booth's work on the Friends of St Anne's new website. Molly has enabled us weekly to engage with over 98 members of the congregation through the emailed newsletter and we may well make use of voting buttons in the future to tap feedback. As a future idea, we may review St Anne's existing audio visual equipment. Is it slick and fit for purpose and easy to use and by many? It was procured by our previous Church warden, Caroline Hill in what was a revolutionary and valuable step some years back. But has time and technology marched on?

## **Slides 6, 7 & 8**

These encapsulate the various future projects that have been identified to date and are being evaluated for your consideration.

Slide 6 – An additional part time Priest, in secular employment. There are obvious advantages to this not least more resources for Bible Study, prayer and teaching about our faith. We could develop contacts and shared activity with other churches in Kew and in the Richmond Deanery. Last but by no means least, is the question of long term succession planning for Father Nigel. We would aspire for a smooth transition to entail, when in the distant future, Nigel retires from his post.

Slide 7 – A Youth Worker. As some of you are aware, a feasibility project is being spearheaded by a member of the congregation, Eley Hutchinson in conjunction with Nick Archer who are doing a preliminary study for us. Eley is inter alia investigating what other churches locally provide and Nick is tapping into the thoughts of parents in the congregation. Without pre-empting Eley and Nick's thoughts and conclusions, additional ideas that have been muted during the 10am service include a discussion group on faith and current world issues. What are the obstacles to implementation. Well there is an obvious space problem, but a corner of the Gallery in its current state may be possible.

This leads me neatly onto

Slide 8 – Project ideas for the Fabric and Finance Vision. The following ideas are being overseen courtesy of our Church Architect, Simon Child.

First is the feeling that imaginative refurbishment of the Gallery could formulate exciting options to utilise currently wasted space. The more we have studied it, there is an intuitive feeling this could generally widen our outward mission.

Interior Lighting – an initial study has been carried out by Light Perceptions on what is possible on this front and they have produced a 96 slide presentation which reveals how the beautiful interior of St Anne's may subtly and sensitively enhanced and modernized in a technically user friendly way. The objective would also be to make it more environmentally friendly ie reduce our carbon footprint and ongoing lighting costs.

The Churchyard Wall is our third project, also, being considered by The Friends of St Anne's for funding. We are of course grateful to the Friends of St Anne's for providing the funding of the floodlighting project. This could be their next enterprise and address the segments of the wall in particular which are in a pitiful state. This project like many can be digested in bite sized chunks.

Lastly, the boiler will at some stage need complete replacement. Not perhaps as glamorous as some other projects but nevertheless essential. Ditto the replacement would need to be environmentally eco-friendly.

#### **Slide 9**

The sensitive subject of Annual Donations is addressed here. We debated whether to include this but we thought it necessary: frankly the message here is there is no room for any complacency. The notes and graph are self-explanatory.

#### **Slide 10**

Finally, I should like to end on a positive note. The Electoral Roll is growing as we have heard from Margaret Handley our Electoral Roll Officer. You will have no doubt a million questions following on from this presentation. We plan two Café style sessions for September and in them we will cover in far greater detail, advantages of the different projects, costs, priorities and suggested funding.

Thank you for your time.