

Rector's Report 2021/2022

When I was interviewed for the position of Rector of the Benefice, I was asked the question of my key points of development if I were appointed. My answer was relevance, teaching and fellowship.

– Relevance: because I think that if we want to put the Church in the middle of the village, it has to be relevant to the life of the wider community, i.e. meeting the needs of it. If it is visible for the wider community that the Church is « feeding the poor, healing the sick and liberating the captive » (Nazareth Manifesto), then it will be understood as a key institution that makes every day life better.

- Teaching: because the Christian community has to be a support to the schools and because it has to educate itself through the preaching and the study of the Bible.

- Fellowship: because « By this everyone will know your my disciple if you have love for one another » (John 13:35)

This is why I have put on my plate several projects immediately on my arrival even before moving to the St James' vicarage physically.

- I have launched the reflection on an umbrella charity to make sure we meet the needs of the community. The current outcome is that we have started to craft a directory of all the charities existing in the Benefice and are preparing an informal gathering of its representatives to start networking.

- I have joined as soon as possible the governors' board of our Church school. Although I am frustrated that I still haven't had the opportunity of leading assemblies (due to my two moves and a full-on diary), I have been involved in several governor's meetings and started supporting the well-being of the staff. I have been preaching as often as I could throughout the services across the Benefice, even on Zoom, and am delivering a Lent Course at the Vicarage for three weeks. I will not be satisfied with the Lent Course only and will take part in Bible Studies