

*"We are **family** and with that comes joys and sorrows. We stand alongside one another ..."*

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**SUMMER
2021 @
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ST PHILIP'S CHURCH
WOLVERHAMPTON

A WORD FROM THE VICAR

Where are we going? What is the ultimate destination God promises us?

As we consider “Our New Vision” and way forward as a church it is helpful to set this in an ultimate perspective. Our vision ends “...so that God’s Kingdom grows,” that’s where we want to go on the journey. The ultimate destination being God’s Kingdom coming completely -what does that look like? We are given a very clear picture of what it will be like in Rev. 21: 2 - 4

“I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

This is where life will go if we know and love Jesus, life with Him in a glorious place enjoying the intimacy of a bride with Him, and all the pains of this world will be ‘passed away’. This is a glorious picture to meditate on, but also to live in the light of, not holding onto this world’s stuff, for this is a earth. Also vitally, being able to find and offer Hope in the hardest of times now, as, ‘death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things will have completely passed away.’

Let’s know this truth about where we are going as Jesus’ people (His bride) and let that change the way we live now on this journey, as we seek to apply “Our New Vision” together. Peter

LIFE GROUPS

We choose to have intentional relationships with each other, through our small groups and ministries. We aim to sharpen each other ‘as iron sharpens iron’ and we care for each other holding each other in prayer.

One of the things we want to encourage all of you to be part of is meeting together in small groups, Life Groups. Currently, we are offering ways of doing this online but over the next few months to be able to do socially distanced in the church building rather than in homes. We recognize there is something very special about being physically in each other’s company but want to reintroduce this in the safest way we can. Can we encourage any of you who are not at present linked to a Life Group to seriously consider joining one as an intentional way of growing as a disciple of Jesus? It is also a great way of connecting with a small number of your church family on a deeper level. Many amongst us can testify to the many blessings of being part of a Life Group; blessings such as encouragement, prayer and practical support, increasing understanding of scripture, friendship, challenge and much more. Have a chat with one of the current Life Group Leaders to get a taste of what a Life Group is all about and contact Viv Skidmore or Janine Wright about how you might join one of them.

LIFE GROUP LEADERS

Viv Skidmore	Janine Wright	Gareth Manser	Treena Larkin
Robert & Gael Carter	Steve Lee & Natalie Shirley		

ST PHILIP’S VISION STATEMENT

**AS ST PHILIP’S FAMILY WE ARE CALLED TO;
CONNECT WITH JESUS,
CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER, AND
CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY.
SO THAT GOD’S KINGDOM GROWS!**

FULLER STATEMENT OF VISION:

Connecting with God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. — As revealed in the Bible

Being intentional about connecting with **God: Revealed to us in Jesus. We do this** as individuals and as a family. We acknowledge that our connection with God can only happen because of His **grace**. This aim means that we are devoted to **scripture** and rooted in **prayer**. We connect with God through **worship** and we listen attentively to Him, through His Word and by His Spirit. We welcome **Holy Spirit** to **ignite** us with **passion** and move amongst us and want to be filled with His **fruit** and operate in His **gifts**. We have a **relationship** with **Jesus** and are committed to obediently following Him in lifelong **discipleship**.

Connecting with each other

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Connecting with our community.

We **love** our community, **serve** our community and **go into** our community. We **reach** our community with the Good News and introduce them to Jesus. We create a family to which our community can **belong**. We bring **Hope** into our community.

SUMMER SERMONS

AS ST PHILIP'S FAMILY WE ARE CALLED TO...



May 2nd – God's Setting of Vision and its outworking from the Old Testament & our Calling

Exodus 3: 7-10 & Joshua 24: 2, 11-15

May 9th – Jesus' setting of Vision & its outworking from the New testament

Matthew 28: 16-20 & Acts 1: 1-9

CONNECT WITH JESUS



May 16th – How we meet Jesus & are transformed by that meeting

Mark 1: 16-20

May 23rd – Pentecost: Connecting with Jesus by His Spirit

Romans 8: 9-17 & Acts 2: 1-11

May 30th – Walking with Jesus in Discipleship

Colossians 2: 6-12

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June 6th – Loving One Another
Romans 12: 9-16

June 13th – Humbly United
Philippians 2: 1-11

June 20th – Looking Out for One Another & Accountability
James 5:13-20

CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY



June 27th – Who are “Our Community” & what does it mean to Love our Neighbour?
Luke 10: 25-37

July 4th – Sharing our very selves to share God's Love. What might this look like practically?
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-13

July 11th – “Power Evangelism” Sharing the Good News in words accompanied by signs & wonders
1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

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July 18th – How does this bring in the Kingdom of God? What practically does the coming of the Kingdom look like?
Mark 1: 21 – 45

WEEKLY @ ST PHIL'S...

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Sunday	
9am	More traditional service with organ and service books 2nd & 4th Sunday Holy Communion
10am	Church Light – on line...listen out for announcements about regathering in person during the 10.30am service
10.30am	Contemporary worship. Music group and Church Light 1st Sunday Holy Communion
6.30pm Monthly (3rd Sunday venue alternates around the parish)	MORE Worship, Word, Ministry
6.30pm	Youth Cell

Monday	
7pm	Half an Hour of Prayer

Wednesday	
11am	OASIS - A reflective 30 minutes with Jesus midweek
6pm	Messy Club

Our weekly Sunday and Wednesday Services can also be found live streamed at
<http://www.facebook.com/stphilipswolverhampton>

COMING THIS SUMMER...

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THY KINGDOM COME



Like previous years, St Phil's and the wider parish will be taking part in this Global Prayer initiative. It takes place from **May 13th -23rd**. We were blessed in so many ways last year and are sure this year will be no different. It's great way to connect with Jesus. Watch out for event details in the next few weeks

HOLIDAY CLUB ALTERNATIVE



As we emerge from Covid restrictions, it has been decided that our usual Holiday Club would be difficult to run so some alternative events are planned...look out for details and dates and ways you can get involved.

CHURCH FAMILY SOCIAL



We are using this term at church as a season of recovery from all that we have experienced over the last 12 months. Reconnecting with each other is something we are looking forward to. Look out for news of a social event or two that will enable us to connect.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Connecting with our Community has been identified as a key part of our vision. As circumstances allow, we will be looking for ways we can reach out to serve our community, to connect with them and help them recover also by demonstrating hope. How might you volunteer?