

HOW CAN WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

“Go out and serve the people of Iver in the name of Jesus
by offering Jesus to them,
by sharing his love in word and in deeds,
by encouraging them to walk in his footsteps.”

Service to the community: *(from the PCC Away Day)*

- To discern where God is working within our community and to align ourselves with Him.
- To assess where church members are already at work, and support them in their roles.
- To encourage all members to be a part of the local community, and to live out their faith in the community.
- To prayerfully discern where we can make a difference.

The Bishop's Five Points from Living Faith

- Making disciples
- Making a difference in the world
- Sustaining the Sacred Centre
- Shaping collaborative leadership
- Creating vibrant Christian Communities

Who does what?

Sustain the sacred centre: (Clergy, staff team, PCC, all who help to lead/co-ordinate worship)

- Offer meaningful worship which strengthens God's people to live with Christ at the centre.
- Offer worship which connects with our community.
- Use our buildings to glorify God, and do His work:
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Shaping collaborative leadership: (Staff Team, PCC)

- Working and sharing together
- Faith sharing
- Prayer and support for one another

Creating vibrant Christian Communities (Staff Team, PCC, House/Study/Bible/Prayer Groups)

- Building up the body of Christ

Making disciples (The entire church membership)

- Alpha course
- Fellowship groups
- Teaching
- Growing in faith

Making a difference in the world (the entire church membership)

- How do we help our congregation to make a difference in the world?
- *This is about recognising that in a holistic understanding of God's action in the world, social justice and prophetic witness cannot be put in a box as a specialism or an extra, but is at the heart of the calling of every Christian community in its own context. (Bishop John)*

We have a responsibility to **teach, equip, and enthuse** our church members to see themselves as 24/7 Christians.