

## The Brooke Benefice – Committed to Growth - Action Plan 2016-17

### Discipleship:

- Continue to develop our Café Church Services
- Continue to consider the introduction of a similar Communion Service (Brooke)
- Pray for lay (or ordained) worship leaders to come forward from among our congregations or to join us.

Task	Action by	Success Criteria	Evaluation
Offer support to lay leaders by providing materials and ideas for Café Church services	Vicar	Lay leaders feel confident in leading Café Church Services	
Survey Brooke Café Church congregation to discover opinions about the possibility of introducing a “Café Church Communion”.	Vicar	Ideas and opinions collected for reporting at February PCC meeting.	
Attend Deanery Event “Broken and Shared” to explore different ways to celebrate the Eucharist	Vicar + others	Ideas and different approaches explored. Potential future discussion at PCC or establishment of working party.	

<p>Provide a prayer card as a reminder to pray at home</p>	<p>Vicar</p>	<p>Members of the congregation pray at home.</p>	<p>Prayer cards prepared and issued at Joint Benefice Service on Advent Sunday. Some prayer cards available in churches.</p>
<p>Ask intercessors to include petition in intercessions during services.</p> <p>Include specific petitions during acts of worship.</p>	<p>Vicar Intercessors Worship leaders</p>	<p>Specific petitions regularly prayed during corporate worship.</p>	

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### Service:

- Continue to explore and develop our churchyard conservation project (Brooke)
- Pray that we can identify those who could offer time and skills in visiting the housebound and lonely in our villages

Task	Action by	Success Criteria	Evaluation
Plan for the conservation project prepared and presented to Brooke PCC for discussion	B Orland P Strachan	The PCC is fully informed, has the opportunity for discussion and is able to make a decision about the conservation project	Plan formulated and PCC discussion taken place. "Next steps" put in place.
Liaise with Groundsman at Brooke to manage the cutting and collecting of grass in the churchyard as per the plan	B Orland P Strachan	Areas of the churchyard are mown according to the conservation plan. Where necessary cut grass is collected or raked.	
Investigate the participation of Brooke Churchyard in the "Bioblitz" scheme for 2017	B Orland P Strachan	Brooke churchyard is a venue for a "Bioblitz" event	Wild about St Peter's event held in collaboration with Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Well attended.

Participation in “30 Days Wild” event	D Wilde	Display in church porch encouraging interaction with wildlife in churchyard – updated on a daily basis.	Display has been used and appreciated by visitors to the church.
Publication of regular reports from “Peter’s Patch” on website – linked article in parish magazine	D Wilde	Increased awareness of wildlife etc in churchyard across village	
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### Numbers:

- Follow up baptisms with invitations to church services and events
- Continue work to interpret our churches for visitors

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Invite children baptised this year (and their families) to the Crib Service – include Christmas greetings	Vicar Willing volunteers	All children will receive a personal invitation to attend worship in the Benefice in which they were baptised and greetings appropriate to the season.	Personal invitations sent with a Christmas card to each child baptised since October 2014
Investigate the possibility of sending anniversary cards, and linked invitations to worship to children baptised since October 2014	Vicar Willing volunteers	All children will receive congratulations on the anniversary of their baptism and an invitation to a suitable act of worship.	In place and being carried out.
Organise and invite children baptised this year to a Teddy Bear's Picnic Service	Vicar Ruth Dodds Willing volunteers	All children to receive an invitation to the service, with encouragement to bring siblings, family members and godparents	

<p>Prepare church trail for St Peter's Brooke – linked to bell rehousing project</p>	<p>Vicar Reader Brooke Primary School</p>	<p>Family friendly informative and interactive trail in place for use by visitors to St Peter's – to include information about faith as well as history.</p>	<p>Children's trail in place.  Work on Family trail remains ongoing.</p>
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