



IN DISCIPLESHIP

IN SERVICE

IN NUMBERS

GROWTH PLAN

THE BROOKE BENEFICE

PRESENTED ADVENT SUNDAY 2018

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Lynn Chapman

Reader: Mr John Ash

Proposed by:

The Benefice Churchwardens

13th September 2018

Approved by:

Brooke PCC

Kirstead PCC

Mundham with Seething PCC

Thwaite PCC

15th October 2018

30th September 2018

15th October 2018

18th October 2018

To be evaluated and renewed: October 2019



Discipleship

*Enable the people of Christ to fulfil their part in God's mission,
baptising and nurturing believers*

What good things have developed since our last Growth Plan?

- Increased involvement of lay people in planning and leading worship
- Development of established programme of “Barney Bear” events for children under seven.

What long established good things are we doing?

- Regular Sunday worship in all the churches of the Benefice.
- A variety of styles of worship.
- Regular Study group.
- Continuing prayer and meditation group.

What else is God wanting for us?

- More hospitality and welcome at worship.
- Experiments with taking church into the community.
- Making links with the wider church and/or overseas charities

What can we do this year?

- Continue our experiment with a less formal form of Holy Communion and develop this form of worship.
- Plan and introduce a “Pet Service” into our annual programme.



Service

*Respond to human need by loving service.
Safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth
Seek to transform the unjust structures of society*

What good things have developed since our last Growth Plan?

- Several social events were enjoyed by a wide group of people from across the Benefice.

What long established good things are we doing?

- Monthly Community Lunches (Brooke, Mundham with Seething and Thwaite)
- Bi-monthly parish magazine delivered free of charge to every home
- Food Bank Collection Point (Brooke)
- Village community involved in church maintenance and upkeep (Thwaite)
- Support of Christian Aid and other charities
- Monthly "Songs of Praise" at Brooke House (Brooke)

What else is God wanting for us?

- Visiting lonely people

What can we do this year?

- Seek to support community and social events that take place in our Benefice.



Numbers

Proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom

What good things have developed since our last Growth Plan?

- Links established and maintained with Wedding couples : anniversary cards, invitations etc
- Links established and maintained with bereaved families: anniversary cards, invitations etc
- New internal noticeboards and welcome leaflet (Thwaite)

What long established good things are we doing?

- “Open” policy for baptisms and marriages.
- Development of Benefice Web-site, especially as means of communication about “What’s on”.
- Annual Commemoration Service for those bereaved during the year.
- Open the Book (Brooke)
- All churches are Open Churches

What else is God wanting for us?

- Development of “tourists as pilgrims” in our Open Churches

What can we do this year?

- Continue work to interpret our churches for visitors
- Continue work with Baptism, Marriage and Funeral families through recruitment of lay admin assistants
- Review and develop the Benefice Web-site and on-line presence