

PCC AWAY DAY 24 FEBRUARY 2018

The Priory Five Year Strategy: 2018 - 2023

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| 10.00 | Arrive and coffee |
| 10.30 | Opening Worship Rebecca Aechtner |
| 10.45 | Reflection – CN What is a church? |

Each PRIORITY will begin with a short reflection on a Biblical passage, and we will then reflect in our small groups on how we can achieve the targets in our bullet points. If you would like to add (or replace) one of the given points, please feel free to do so!!

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| 11.00 | PRIORITY 1: WORSHIP |
| 11.40 | Feedback |
| 11.50 | PRIORITY 2: DISCIPLESHIP |
| 12.30 | Feedback |
| 12.45 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 13.15 | PRIORITY 3. WITNESSING |
| 13.45 | Feedback |
| 14.00 | PRIORITY 4: GROWTH |
| 14.30 | Feedback |
| 14.45 | PRIORITY 5: REACHING OUT |
| 15.15 | Feedback |
| 15.30 | PLENARY SESSION |
| 15.45 | CONCLUSION AND FINAL PRAYER |
| 16.00 | DEPART |

1. OFFERING WORSHIP TO GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! *Psalm 150*

Because we believe that it is in God that we live and move and have our being, we will

- Worship God in ways that represent the best of what we as a community have to offer by:
- Be a place of welcome to visitors and pilgrims by:
- Be a centre of excellence in study, theology, and the arts by:
- Ensure our church building is fit for the challenges of life in the 21st Century by:
- Use our musical resources imaginatively and in different ways to involve all ages by:

2. MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' *Matthew 28.18-19*

Because we believe that God reaches out to all people, we will

- Develop a greater focus on our understanding of God's Word, by:

- Teach people of the value of prayer, and encourage a deeper life of prayer by:

- Encourage people to give their time and share their gifts by:

- Grow vocations to Christian ministry (lay and ordained) by:

- Use our musical resources to go out from our church as part of our mission by:

3. BEING WITNESSES TO JESUS CHRIST

'I when I am lifted up, will draw all people to myself.' John 12.32

Because we believe that the unconditional love of God is for all people, we will

- Share the Good News of Jesus Christ by
- Be a beacon of faith in the City of Lancaster and beyond by
- Show God's love in action in our community by:
- Through our ministry in Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, we will show God's love by:
- Be a church known for its Inclusive ethos by:

4. GROWING LEADERS FOR JESUS CHRIST

If I give away all my possessions ... but do not have love, I gain nothing. *1 Corinthians 13.3*

Because we believe that God calls leaders to proclaim the faith and minister to His world in every time and place, we will:

- Support the current Ministry Team and develop the work of the Pastoral Team by:
- Encourage more members of our Priory family to take on leadership roles by:
- Work with the Diocese of Blackburn in training potential ministers (Lay and ordained) by:
- Improve our welcome to new members and help them to belong to our Priory family by:
- Prioritising work among children, young people, and schools by:

5. REACHING OUT BEYOND OUR CITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

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Because we believe that God calls leaders to proclaim the faith and minister to His world in every time and place, we will:

- Develop our links with charities both local and global by:

- Be responsible for the earth as a part of God's creation by:

- Challenge injustice by:

- Develop our ministry as an Inclusive Church by:

- Seek to be a prophetic voice in the world today by: