We will never change the world by going to church.

We will only change the world by being the church.
leadership
When you hear the term **PCC**, what’s the first thing that comes to mind?
Living a distinctive Christian life
Evangelising effectively
Serving with accountability
Re-imaging ministry

“We are the clay, you are the potter.”
Isaiah 64:8.
What needs to happen in the leadership and mission of St Phoebe’s for this to be real?
What are the realities of your current situation?

It is no good the church imagining people as you would like them to be.

The Church of England is only beginning to grasp the scale of the social and cultural changes that have transformed its missionary context in recent years. British Culture has changed and perceptions and expectations of Christianity and of the church have changed with it.

Graham Cray
(Evangelism in a Spiritual Age 2005)
DISCERNMENT

God’s thing amongst the many good things
PCC Vision setting
Mapping your parish

- Where is God already at work and how can you join in?
- Who are the people groups not currently being reached in your community?

List out the areas of greatest need/opportunity and prioritise
What do you have hidden at the back of your fridge?

**PCC Vision Setting**

**What’s in the fridge?**
PCC Vision Setting
Building on areas of strength

Clear Mission
Leadership
Serving the Community
Willingness to change
Lay enabling
Children and Youth
Welcome
Nurturing new Christians

“From Anecdote to Evidence”
Factors associated with growth (2014)
Where might there be a fit between opportunities and resources?

• Could you:
  - Plant out from your parish or MMU?
  - Raise up a leader who could pioneer or plant?
  - Start another congregation or a Fresh Expression?
  - Invite in a team?
Disturbance & Change

You can’t change the future without disturbing the present

*General William Booth*

cf Acts 10:9-15
Which animal would you relate to as a church and why?
Which animal would you aspire to as a church and why?
A Lutheran Collect

Lord God,
you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.