



<p>WORSHIP TIMES</p> <p style="color: yellow;">Sunday 9am</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p style="color: yellow;">10:45</p> <p>Family Celebration</p> <p style="color: yellow;">Wednesday 10:30</p> <p>Holy Communion</p> <p style="color: yellow;">2nd Saturday 4pm</p> <p>Messy Church</p>		<p>CRAFT & CHAT</p> <p>Wednesday's 1-4pm In St. Michael & All Angels</p> <p>Why not bring your craft, and do it with friends old and new over a hot or cold drink.</p> <p>Embroidery, Needlepoint, Cross-stitch, Sewing, Knitting, Crochet, Art, Modelling, Painting...</p>
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<p>Alpha - Life</p> <p>The Alpha course will start on Wed 20th September.</p> <p>Please put your name and names of your guests on the list at back of church.</p> <p>It will run from 6:45 to 9pm</p>	<p><u>Discipleship groups</u></p> <p>Re-start on Week commencing 5th September</p> <p>Please put your name on the list at the back of church to tell us which group you will be attending</p>	
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A Thought:

It seems like only yesterday we were looking forward to the summer. At the vision day one thing that came out strongly was the need people felt for a manageable and deeper understanding of prayer life. So we will be looking at that from the middle of September until the run up to Christmas.

Also scripture from Zechariah 4:10 (NIV 2011)

¹⁰ “Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?” Which also relates to : **Haggai 2:**³ ‘Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing?’

It may seem like we are weak and have a long way to go, or that the church fellowship has seen better days but the hand of the Lord is mighty, and he can shake the heavens. Indeed it may be that we take stock and choose to stop some things to enable others. Through each of us fulfilling our part in his plan we can be a local church that changes nations, but first let us be trained and just do the small things we can do, God will accomplish great things in the way he puts the small together.

Look at the Vision plan What can you help do or free someone else to do?

Yours in faith

John Whitney – Vicar of Alvaston

P.S. Please see the vision table below for a first attempt

Alvaston Parish Vision Action Plan			
	Eventually	Next Year	Now
Inspiration	Effective Prayer Bible Study Full Discipleship Group program	Program to identify gifts, talents and needs Every person ministry Telling our story	Teach about & Model Prayer Model discipleship Zach 4:10
Action	Create full range of community groups in St.M&AA Growing in multiple fellowships Communicate with every parishioner on a regular basis	Run 2 Alpha courses Create our own regular prayer walks Develop new welcome packs Develop membership contacts with other community groups Begin starting age and interest groups Improve quality of communication & publicity	Re-invigorate Social media Everyone can do something Signpost Job club, Money Course etc. better Church members contribute to newsletter. Leafleting more of the parish
Word	Biblically Confident & connected Theologically grounded Confidently communicating the truth of the Gospel	Continue looking at scripture Seek an understanding of God's word	Teach Value of small actions Prayer & the Word
Resources	Pop up church Community Transport Lay reader(s) Every Member ministry	More Volunteers Identify and seek grants Parish administrator to free up clergy Engage with crowd funding Promote St. M's as conference venue Investigate Boulton Moor School Space	Re-launch Planed giving Teach Generous stewardship Sort out floor Engage more with ACT and signpost Alvaston Parish Church



Baptism & Wedding Enquiries If you want to be married, baptised, or give thanks for the gift of a child, please come to an act of worship, and make yourself known so we can take your details and begin your journey.

Food Bank The Food Bank collection continues to be a really important ministry in the Alvaston area. Please consider what you can bring each week or month to continue to bless those in desperate need.



Prayer Group regularly meet for prayer. If you are praying alone please remember those who are lonely or unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit & command healing in their lives just as Jesus did. This month pray that God will show you your place in his work.