JOINT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (JPPC)
PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN 12/05/2026

The discussions at the JPPC Meetings are based around developing a long-term vision for our parishes, around the themes of Worship, Evangelisation, Discipleship, Fellowship and Ministry. The discussions are added into the Parish Development Plan which are reflected on at the SLT Meetings and where it is agreed things are in line with our Parish Vision, they are, as much as possible put into action.

1. **Worship** – Primarily Mass but can also include prayer meetings and times of praise experienced in small groups.

2. **Evangelisation** – Proclamation of the Kerygma: the Good News of God's love revealed in Jesus, and the salvation offered through his cross and resurrection. Proclaimed to those who don't know Jesus – both outside and inside the Church.

3. **Discipleship** – lifelong process of growing, maturing and learning in faith. Includes catechesis but also growing in faith, knowledge, prayer and identifying one's God-given gifts.

4. **Fellowship** – meaningful community where people are known and loved, called by name and supported in their call to holiness. It may incude socialising, but cannot be reduced to it.

5. **Ministry** – service to others. Both in the life of the parish and in a missionary culture, going out to serve those who do not belong.

	Worship ***September 2026***	**Evangelisation** ***September 2025***	**Discipleship** ***December 2025***	**Fellowship** ***March 2026***	**Ministry** ***June 2026***
6 months	Consider how the parish cell groups can contribute to "times of praise". Additional weekday Masses in Advent. Joint Christmas Carol Service: include Youth Choir Mill End Christmas Fair	Consider a group of people from in and out of the parish community who would look to evangelise, brainstorming different ideas and considering ways to reach out to the wider community. Cell Groups – to have these started at the latest by Easter 2026 at the end of the RCIA programme and possibly as a follow on from Alpha. Men's Groups – possibly would form from a Cell group, or could be the first of the Cell Groups with others following on. Advent leaflets with mass times/services to be encouraged to be handed out by parishioners or displayed on local community event boards. Could also be taken forwards to Easter. Quiz Night – Ben & Peter are arranging for 25th October 2025.	Introduce parish cell groups. Work in progress Quarent Ore 40 hours adoration with catechesis in the build up to it March 2026 ☑	Re-start "House meetings" (connecting in the homes of fellow parishioners to share community and faith). Parish cell groups – currently under development Create Joint Parishes Social Committee to produce good quality events across the parishes supporting both fellowship and evangelisation. Extend existing Sunday tea & coffee after Mass to specifically welcome new parishioners once a month. Men's Group – this has now been set up and will hopefully become established over the coming months. ☑	Increase awareness of support available to those who are sick or housebound. Create a flyer outlining housebound / sick support that can be shared by family and friends. Flyer is completed; pending available resources with DBS checks completed before circulating. Leverage Chorleywood Village Day (July) to raise awareness of faith activities. This takes place on 12th July; Elaine and Deanna offered to contact the organiser and discuss options. Increase awareness of volunteering taking place across the parishes. Skills Audit on 17th May 26 ☑

		Carol Singing – possibly with other Churches in the areas. We joined with St. Peters two years ago, and such an event does need permissions.			
12 months	Introduce Youth Music Group for Teenagers. Increase Stations of the Cross options in Lent beyond Friday evenings. Invite the Joan of Arc choir to sing at Mass. Think about making 2026 Pentecost Weekend an International Weekend in worship and social event. Bible Study/Courses: Consider who would lead with the intention of	Unify as the Christian churches in the local area. Join other church events (Christmas, summer holidays etc.) to understand what is being offered. Corpus Christi event in Watford – could we become more involved (possibly was just a Jubilee year event) Looking into getting a stall at the Chorleywood Summer Fair Day – this	Explore ways to recognise and celebrate those who are sharing their talents. Skills Audit (May 2027) ☑ Explore new ways to grow in faith and prayer (e.g. coffee chats, prayer sponsors etc.)	Explore another series of "At Your Word, Lord". Introduce prayer family sponsors for GIFT. Explore adoption "Acorns" (as run in Barnet). Explore inviting people to make meals for families with new babies. Prayer Partner Families – Discussed that this could be arranged via GIFT, giving families other	Explore having a stall at Rickmansworth monthly markets to raise awareness of faith activities. Now a regular feature of our parish life. ☑ Increase awareness of ministry activities (e.g. Warm Spaces, SVP, Food bank). Increase awareness of volunteering being undertaken across the parishes (to inspire

	increasing understanding of scriptures. Evening masses during Lent (Tuesdays?)	year it clashed with Brass on the Grass. Possibly as an addition to the Community Faith Stall. Introduce a weekday evening Mass in Advent/ Lent for those who are working. December 2025 ☑		families to pray for, for example housebound parishioners, matching families who would pray for each other. Supporting New Parishioners - to involve matching them with sponsors or mentors or event to welcome them and introduce the parishes to them. Discussed at the SLT and decided to introduce a termly Welcome after Mass across the parishes where SLT members and Priest will be present.	further participation). See 6 month update.

5 years	Hold a second Week of Guided Prayer. Introduce a cantor at Saturday evening Mass. Hold a second Quarant'ore (possibly in Lent) Natural progression & growth of the Youth Choir on to the Adult Choir	Consider how we can inspire the ~350 people within the parish to spread our message with others, and how we can use sacramental moments as opportunities for evangelisation. Consider how to engage with people visiting Our Lady's as part of the Chess Valley Walk. Create pamphlets explaining aspects of the Catholic faith. Make more of the garden crucifix at Our Lady's (e.g. Nativity play). Hold an ecumenical Christmas carols service. Increase the number of Alpha courses, possibly to two per year.	Extend GIFT approach to include Confirmation. Developments in Youth Group leading to this. Hold sessions to help people "Understand what your talents are", and how you can use these for others. Create a mindset within the youth to understand what their talent is, and how they can use it for God. Offer ongoing "journey of faith" formation for adults beyond Alpha. Salvation History Talks Jan 2026 Provide a way for parishioners to more deeply connect with each other. Achieve the team vision to be one of the most vibrant parishes in Hertfordshire.	Explore concept of renting a stall at the Rickmansworth monthly markets. Leverage small groups (once created) to "continue the journey" from Alpha, Prayer Workshops etc. as a way of providing connection to people beyond the formal experience of a course / program. Encourage more engagement from across the parishes in groups such as JPPC to raise awareness about how much is going on.	*No specific actions defined during January 2025 JPPC meeting.*