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<p>Our mission context: the area, people, places we serve Now? Changes anticipated over the next five years?</p> <p>Wye Dore Parishes - 3 churches situated in the Dore Valley (Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone) and 2 in the Wye Valley: (Madley & Tyberton). Local changes: New housing planned for Peterchurch and Madley.</p> <p>Changes in us: We are learning more and more how God’s love affects the whole of life, not just what happens on Sunday morning. We seek to show God’s love as much through who we are as what we do. “Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly.” Our church buildings are important to our villages as a sign of God’s presence. The further development of St Peters Centre HUB in Peterchurch.</p>
<p>Where we see signs of God at work locally Where we see growth / encouragements</p> <p>What we can learn / build on /develop</p> <p>3rd Sunday group service at Vowchurch. Bread making. Men only breakfast. Messy Church in Peterchurch and Madley. Jungle Club and Youth Club in Madley. Also, targeted services for families/uniformed org. in Madley. Our regular presence in school assemblies in Peterchurch and Madley.</p>

Our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as we see them as a parish/benefice:

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Good will, commitment and engagement across the parishes. Support within LMDG. Pastoral visiting. Work with families. Music	Baptismal services, difficulty of managing so many Timing of services Over-stretching with too much replication across the group Parish Share not being met Buildings Communication & publicity	St Peters HUB-partnership with Hereford Council Preparations for & follow up to baptisms, weddings & funerals Deanery thinking. Diocesan view that there is a “need for change”. Contact ex-church goers. Messy Church. School contact - Extension of MOB to family breakfast with Fair Trade and local produce New forms/times of worship. Vowchurch & Turnastone liaison & talks about working together Accompanied prayer week. Church tourism	Impact of overstretching on spiritual health. Lack of money. Management of multi-parish benefice including church buildings. Grade 1 & 2 listed buildings

People and Resources: Now? Anticipated? *Think about clergy and lay ministers, parish officers, new ministries, vocations, opportunities/needs for deployment etc*

Currently: 1 x Vicar, 1 x Self-Supported Minister, 1 x retired clergy + 9 lay members of LMDG
 6 x church wardens. 4 x PCC secretaries. 4 x church treasurers, 1 of whom is also the benefice treasurer.
 Opportunities – the HUB, exploring the possibility of a pioneer missioner.

Our discernment of our way forward together as a parish/benefice **Our current vision for this parish/benefice in 5 years time**

We imagine a visual picture of a chain which currently has many missing links which separate and impede people’s journey into faith. Our **vision** is to provide the missing links enabling the journey into faith to happen for people in our community.

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<i>Looking back - What we achieved in 2016</i>	Action planned for 2017/18	Our goals and “measures of success” What it will look like in 2018
Shared Priority 1: Growing disciples of all ages and backgrounds – spiritually and numerically		
<p>Embedding Messy Church in Peterchurch – new ‘Messy’ congregation being formed with a number of regulars. Messianic Church begun in Madley alongside the targeted services for families/uniformed organisations. Regular presence in schools leading assemblies in Peterchurch and Madley. Alternative worship Parish retreat, Prayer marathon, Confirmation, Tabernacling.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reorganise worship to relieve the pressure on Sunday morning 2. Provide opportunities for alternative expressions of worship, faith and action. 3. Progressive discipleship for Messy Church participants. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A wider range of times of worship across the benefice with fewer Sunday morning services. 2. A wider range of styles of worship across the benefice with fewer traditional services [though always keeping some] and some significant opportunities for prayer. 3. Provision in Peterchurch and Madley has been made for further learning about faith through ‘Messy Worship’ as well as Bible Study and prayer opportunities.
Shared Priority 2: Serving the common good – transforming lives and communities		
<p>Development of the Peterchurch HUB with progress made on planning and funding. Many community activities and groups being built/encouraged.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encouraging the development of the HUB across the Benefice. 2. Installation of a community-run coffee shop/café in the St Peter’s Centre 3. Expansion and development of pastoral visiting and Good Neighbour Scheme. 4. A wider range of community involvement and volunteering opportunities. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Families, young people and neighbours will have more opportunities to come together, socialise and develop supportive relationships. 2. Residents, including young people, and visitors will feel a stronger sense of place and attachment with the Golden Valley. 3. Residents both young and old will have better access to support networks and receive help to participate in and contribute fully to community life. 4. Families, young people and the elderly will receive more support locally to develop new skills, abilities and grow in confidence.
Shared Priority 3: Sharing, developing and re-imagining ministry for mission in the 21st century		
<p>3rd Sunday group service at Vowchurch – improving links and developing relationships across the Benefice.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek to re-imagine ministry based on a biblical foundation, being prepared to let go of the old if it gets in the way of the gospel. 2. Become gift centred – recognising and seeking out 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The LMDG have taken a lead in re-imagining ministry through bible study. 2. We celebrate the gifts of the church community in

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	<p>gifts in the body of Christ. 3. Explore links with a Lutheran Church in Hilpolstein, Germany.</p>	<p>ways that are evident to all. We can list people whose unexpected gifts have been identified. 3. The link made initially by Judy and John Dinnen has been built upon.</p>
<p>Shared Commitment: to focusing our resources – money, buildings, time, people etc - where there is greatest mission need and opportunity</p>		
	<p>Focussing resources, buildings, people where there is greatest mission need and opportunity. 1. Benefice-wide fundraising and awareness-raising initiative at Rogation 2017. 2. Improve publicity and communication through social media. 3. Raise fresh funds to take us beyond the 1-yr pilot phase of the St Peter’s HUB, possibly through a Big Lottery bid to the Reaching Community program. 4. Explore the potential for a merger of Turnastone and Vowchurch including alternative use within the Diocesan Strategic Buildings plan for Abbeydore Deanery.</p>	<p>1. The parish offer has been paid in full. 2. Facebook page up and running. Information on notice boards appropriately updated. 3. Successful bid has enabled the continuation of the community centre in St Peters. 4. Vowchurch/Turnastone will have found a way forward which has reduced replication of roles and improved the financial situation for both churches.</p>