



REAL GOD, REAL CHURCH, REAL LIVES Way Forward 2015

What has happened (2014):

- A period of listening to God and one another
- A period of planning
- The introduction of Messy Church
- The introduction of Café Church
- A new structure behind the scenes with Worship, Family Ministries and Housekeeping Hubs
- A new service Structure
- Church goals to focus upon Worship, Family Ministries and Men's Ministries
- A Verse of the Year; Hebrews 12: 2
- An agreed Vision to focus anew on our **Real God**, to grow as a **Real Church** and to live **Real Lives** for our God
- Sermon series on Real God, Real Church and Real Lives. Each with a Café Church at their conclusions to confirm learning and decide action, those actions then implemented within the above

What is happening:

- A Discipleship Explored Course to take further our Real Lives
- A focus on House Groups, existing and new
- The shaping and recruitment of a leadership team (including Vestry members) and new members of staff

What is planned subject to God's will:

- The AGM process and new staff & leadership teams
- The completion of our Discipleship Explored Course
- A Worship seminar to develop our Church Goal
- A service of Renewal at the start of the year with a new Verse of the Year

- In line with Café Church feedback a sermon series during lent on Real Gifts with a Café Church
- During Pentecost a sermon series on Real Mission with a Café Church
- In the Fall an EFL course to decide the mission focus for St Aidan's, to create a plan and to begin mission



Rationale:

We have spent a deal of time refocusing on our Lord to understand what it is to be a church and how to live lives for Him. New structures, plans and a new Vision have been introduced. This has led to a focus on discipleship. For this to lead in to Mission we need to affirm our individual gifts then understand mission. We can then put the gifts God has given us together with our understanding of Mission and listen to Him for our plan of Mission...all the while we are open to others, to witnessing and to growing.

We are taking a step by step approach under God to ensure His direction. Let us listen to one another and above all to God and walk into 2015 with excitement in our hearts to love and obey our Lord

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