

Please pray for our Parish of Alston Moor Vision Day

Open to God's Guidance  
Caring for one another  
Hopeful for the future  
Engaged with our community  
Active beyond our bubble  
Joyfully living in Christ

# 23rd October

As we prepare for our church family away day, please think about the sort of questions and topics we'll be exploring, and pray that we discern the best way we can serve God, our community and our world.

Who are we?

What do we care about?

What are we good at?

What do we love?

Who can we work with?

What's our role in the community  
and wider world?

How else might God use us?

What do we need to resource  
our vision?

**Dear God, help us to be  
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Hopeful for the future  
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Active beyond our bubble  
Joyfully living for You  
Amen**



**Parish of  
Alston Moor  
Vision Day  
Invitation**

**Minsteracres,  
10am – 4.30pm,  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

You are warmly invited to our parish vision day, a day to enjoy the beautiful setting and the company of the church family together; all ages, abilities and walks of life. We have the day to explore the venue and extensive grounds, and to explore the vision, mission and focus of our church for the next few years. After the months of covid and turmoil, we need a good day out!

- Children will be free to join in everything as much or as little as they like, and have a safe base and some activities of their own as well.
- We will arrive for coffee break, share an opening session together, then split up to either wander between topics or stay focussed on one if it really grabs you: *see over page*
- After lunch we have time to explore outside if dry, or just enjoy the interesting indoor spaces and chat with one another.
- There will be another set of topics in the afternoon, then afternoon tea.
- At the closing get-together we will share any recommendations from the groups.
- Throughout the day we will be taking moments to pray and listen to God as well as each other, and offer to God our thoughts, hopes and actions.

It should be a relaxed, creative and encouraging day, thinking about the important things not the urgent ones, hopes and dreams not bricks and mortar. As not everyone who wants to come can make it in person, we hope to share some parts on Zoom. If you can't make either we'd still love to hear your thoughts on any of the topics, so do get in touch.



..... Cut off and return this slip, or contact Mark – see over .....

Name/s .....

Ages if under 18 ..... Number of people altogether .....

Phone or email .....

Car-sharing: can you offer a lift? ..... Do you need a lift? .....

Any special dietary or accessibility requirements? .....

If you can pay a deposit of £5 it will be much appreciated

The topics we hope to explore are not yet fixed, but might well cover these areas:

- Our spiritual life prayer and study groups; daily offices focussing on themes (schools, mission, climate...) and praying for 'cell groups'; All Age worship ... Worship to sustain/resource our life, not be a drain on resources
- Caring for one another resilience, needs and issues, climate grief, praying together... Study/cell/prayer groups (on Zoom?) across the parish
- Schools and young people our involvement with the schools – how we can support and engage with; youth activities / after school club / events
- Community engagement Let's Cook/community kitchen, Men's Sheds, Community Garden, link with Repair Cafés, prescription deliveries... Checking tech to help people participate in Zoom, livestreamed events etc. Service we could offer to wider community? Support network for range of issues: knowing a wo/man who can, to refer to. Again, in partnership with wider community
- Mission to wider world including giving, prayer, campaigning, twinning/partnering...
- Environment Christian Climate Action, Eco Church, reduce/reuse/recycle/repair...

Children are free and the adult costs of the day (full price normally £30) will be subsidised, so no-one need be excluded. Transport will be arranged to help anyone who needs a lift, and to minimise carbon.

Please phone 01343 382558, email [vicar@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk](mailto:vicar@alstonmoorcofe.org.uk) or send the slip back to Mark at The Parsonage House, Brampton Road, Alston CA9 3AA.

Meanwhile, please pray for the day; see card enclosed.

We look forward to sharing the day with you.

Every Blessing, from Mark and the Ministry Team