

## Vision Statement

OUR VISION IS OF A CHURCH LIVING OUT ITS FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY BY WELCOMING ALL IN FRIENDSHIP AND INVITING THEM ON THE JOURNEY OF FAITH, WHETHER REGULAR WORSHIPPERS OR NOT, A WELCOME AND INVITATION EXPRESSED THROUGH OUR RANGE OF WORSHIP, OUR CONCERN FOR THOSE IN NEED AND OUR COMMITMENT TO THE FLOURISHING OF GOD'S CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY OF RUSTHALL.

We endeavour to demonstrate this Vision through God's guidance by:

- Welcoming all and affirming diversity so that irrespective of gender, sexuality, ethnicity, socio-economic status or physical ability each person feels valued for the enrichment they bring to the church community
- Seeking effective ways to witness to the sheer mystery and awesomeness of life and inviting people to share a journey of faith with us in God who is revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- The Vicar's availability to all whether or not they attend church
- Offering a range of styles of worship through our two churches
- Offering a teaching ministry that encourages thoughtful reflection on the Bible and the traditions of the church enabling engagement with today's world in a creative way, encouraging debate and the expression of diverse views
- Supporting Mission agencies in their work with partner churches around the globe, including USPG, Missions to Seafarers, CMS and Christian Aid
- Participating actively in the wider church in the Deanery and its Synod and ecumenically both in Rusthall and within the town
- Supporting all who are involved in fostering the well-being of the local community, whether in the voluntary or statutory sectors
- Supporting initiatives such as Fair Trade and Debt Relief that promote justice and peace and care for the environment
- Reflecting our heritage and making our buildings available to all