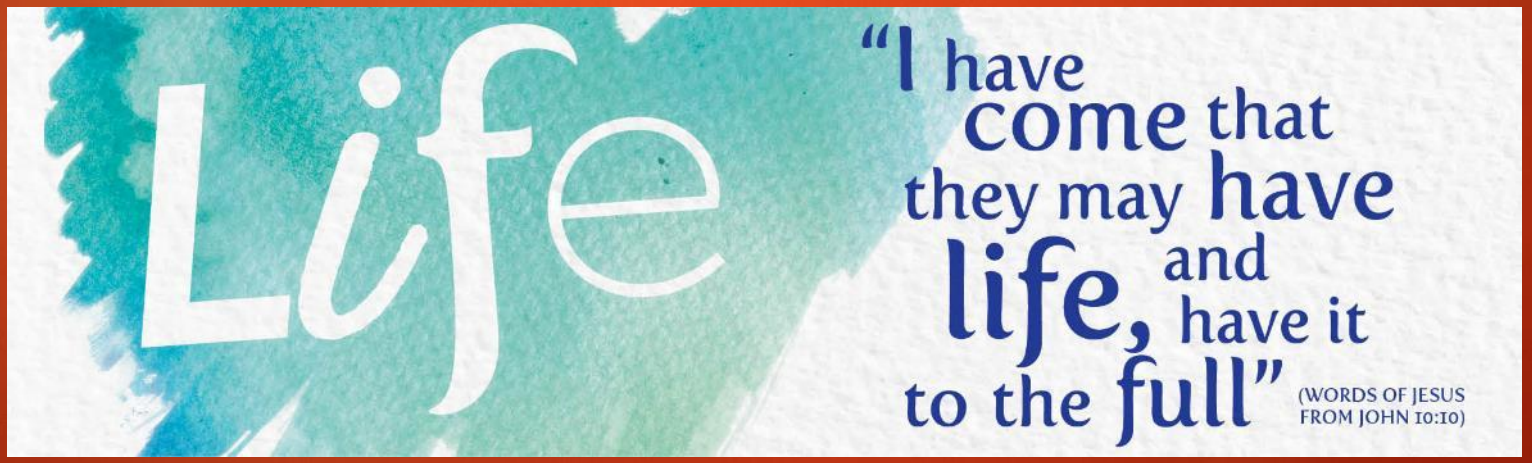
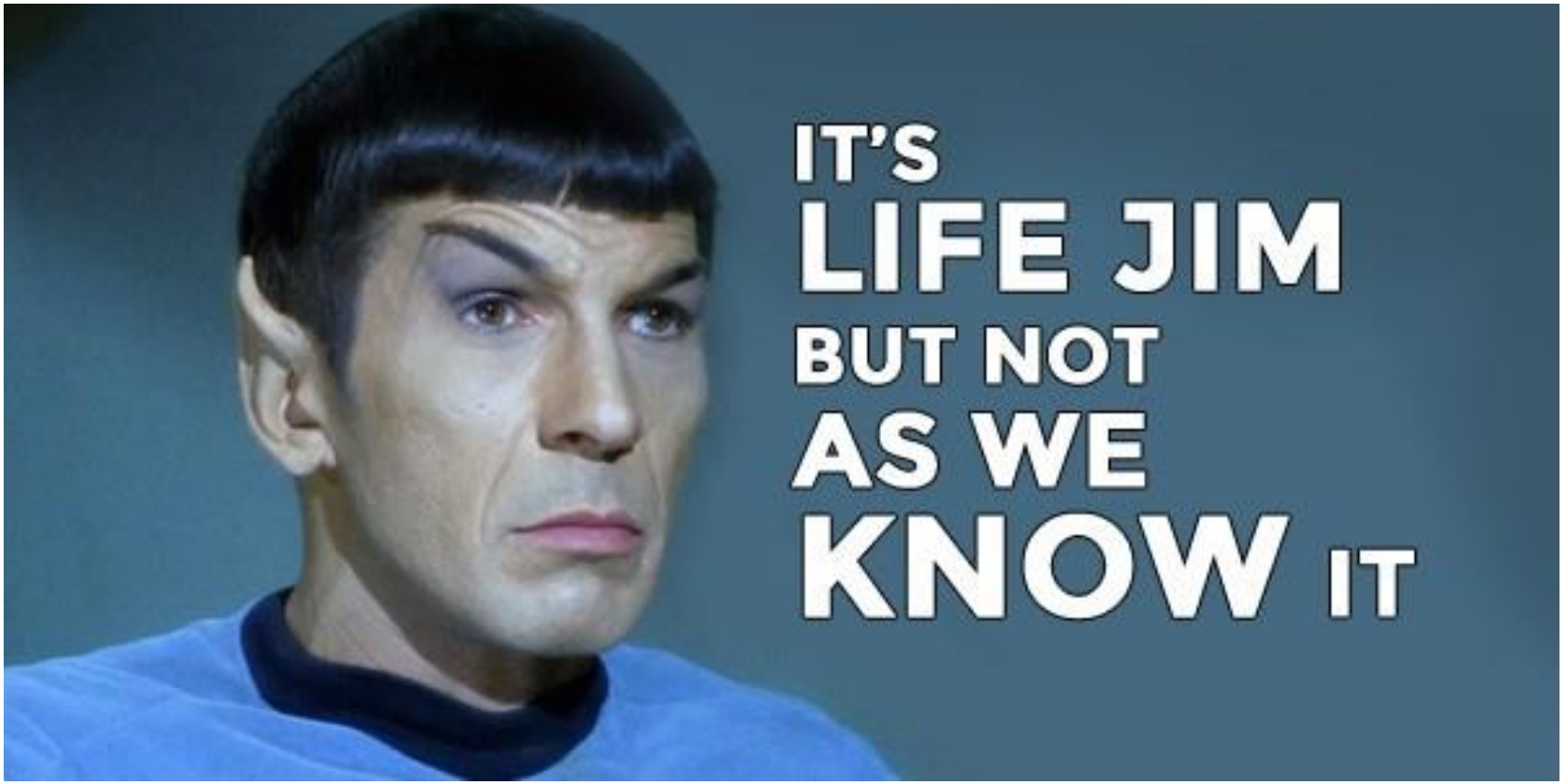
Presentation to Stroud Deanery Synod – May 2017

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Our Vision for the Future of our Parishes.
We need to…

- **Move from being Passive to Active**

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Our Vision for the Future of our Parishes.

We need to…

- **Become more intentional**

intentional (adj.)

an action performed with awareness; done deliberately, consciously, on purpose

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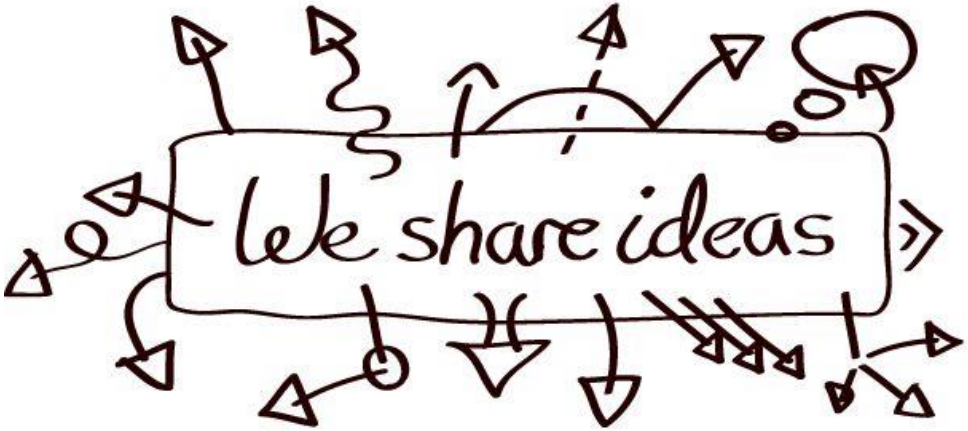
Our Vision for the Future of our Parishes.
We need to…

- **See the Deanery as a resource sharing good ideas and practice**



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Our Vision for the Future of our Parishes.
We need to…

- **Pray more in different ways in different places**

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Leadership

Committed to transformation

- Empowering and enabling laity to share ministry in all its forms
- Encouraging co-operation across parish and denominational boundaries
- Providing training locally to help grow leaders

imagination

Opening new paths to faith

- **Becoming creative in our relationships with schools (both church and community).**
- **Exploring new and creative ways of worshipping both within and outside church walls**

imagination

Opening new paths to faith

- **Seeking to make new contacts in every Parish (youth clubs, uniformed organisations, residential homes, sports clubs etc.)**
- **Using our buildings to create a real asset for the wider community**

faith

Living as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ

- **Enabling those outside the church to see the Christian Faith as a message of hope, love, freedom and security by creative sharing of faith**

faith

Living as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ

- **Turning visitors into pilgrims**
- **Building confidence in faith sharing and helping grow faith in existing and new members**

engagement

Living out Christ's love and hope

- **Using music to bring church and community together (choirs, bands, other forms of music)**
- **Making mission and outreach a priority for each church rather than maintenance**
- **Connecting with the wider community in each parish by 'filling a gap'**

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1. Become more Missional and Intentional as churches
2. Grow Leaders and especially Young Leaders

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3. Prepare for greater Pastoral outreach within our communities
4. Be creative in our contact with our schools

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5. Share our faith with confidence in different ways
6. Grow our own faith and help others on the road of discipleship

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7. Share good practice between the churches of our Deanery

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Our Proposals

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1. Mission Shaped Intro…

A six week course running from Saturday 30th September for six weeks at St Matthew's, Cainscross

Our Proposals

2. Form a Training Group

To ascertain training needs and deliver training across the Deanery:-

Growing Leaders - Pastoral Visitor Training - Creative ideas for schools and young people - Sharing our Faith - Discipleship

Our Proposals

3. Make Synod a sharing place

Make time each Synod to share stories and good practice and encourage one another, building relationships beyond our Parish or Benefice boundaries

Our Proposals

4. Put prayer at the heart of our Deanery

Commit to praying for one another and seek to establish regular local prayer events that are open to all.

It's over to us…

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone."

Mark 16.15

QUESTIONS?
COMMENTS?

The Life Prayer

God of hope and transformation,
who in our Lord Jesus Christ offers
the gift of life in all its fullness,
send your Holy Spirit and grant us joy in our following
and vision in our leadership.
May we be rich in imagination, confident in faith,
and courageous in our engagement with the people
and places of this diocese.
As we share your life with the world,
keep us rooted and grounded in love
as we bear witness to your glory
and pray for your Kingdom to come. Amen.

How Great is Our God

The splendour of a King,
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice,
And trembles at his voice.

CHORUS

How great is our God,
sing with me
How great is our God,
and all will see
How great, How great
Is our God

Age to age he stands
And time is in His Hands
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, Three in one
Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb,
The Lion and the Lamb…

CHORUS

How great is our God,
sing with me
How great is our God,
and all will see
How great, How great
Is our God

BRIDGE (x2)

Name above all names
You are Worthy of all praise
and My heart will sing
how great Is our God

The splendour of a King,
Clothed in majesty
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All the earth rejoice
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CHORUS (x2)

How great is our God,
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