

Seeking God's vision for his church



Vision
A week of
prayer from
Sunday 8th to
Friday 13th
November
@St Polycarp's

Vision
An away day
Saturday 14th
November from
9.30 – 3.30 pm
@ St Stephen's
Netherthorpe



Bishop Steven will talk with us about vision
during his visit at 6 pm on Monday 19th October

Vision – so far

(This is for personal reflection rather than use in small groups)

You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other. John 15: 14 – 17

- Do I say to myself 'That's how I am' or 'I'm too old to change.'? Am I open to doing what Jesus commands? Do I trust him enough for this?
- How am I getting on with reading/listening to the bible? Do I sense God speaking to me through it? Do I need more help in understanding it?
- Do I think about it's teaching when I make the big decisions in my life – who to marry, where to live, things I buy. Do I allow it to influence my thinking about issues like the Environment, Justice, and attitudes to foreign Nationals
- Has our small group arranged to have a meal or a social outing? Have I asked someone round for a coffee/tea/drink?
- Am I holding resentments about anyone in church? Are there issues from the past for which I need forgiveness?
- *'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.'* 1 Corinthians 12:7 Am I using the gifts God has given me for the benefit of the church and community? Or do I keep my light under a bushel?
- Do I encourage those who have different ministries from mine?
- Are there any scriptures, pictures or words of knowledge about the vision that I should share with my small group or others?