

PARISH OF YSTALYFERA MISSION STATEMENT

The Parish of Ystalyfera believes that its mission is to practice and nurture the Christian faith.

We practice our Christian faith by:

Working together with others; Celebrating and sharing the love of God; Being expectant and joyful in our faith; Being thankful for all that we have received; Being humble before God and others; Being welcoming; Enabling ways of helping others and those in need; Caring for each other and those in need; Sustaining each other's faith and each other's needs.

We nurture our Christian faith by:

Understanding the Good News of Jesus Christ for all; Understanding the world around us and the diversity of humanity; Teaching and proclaiming God's love and our Christian faith; Encouraging and expecting loving attitudes.

We practice our Christian faith by:

Working together with others:

We work together with our fellow Christians in other parishes in our Area Deanery and with other Denominations in our locality; With local community groups such as local schools, Communities First; With welfare organizations such as Christian Aid, the Royal British Legion and Mr X Appeal.

Celebrating and sharing the love of God:

We celebrate and share the love of God by worshipping in English and Welsh, St. David's Church being the only Christian place of worship in Ystalyfera which offers worship regularly in both languages and the only Christian place of worship where worship is offered regularly in English; By administering Home Communion for housebound people and residents of Residential Homes & Sheltered Housing Complexes; By assisting local schools with Assemblies and celebrations of the Christian Year.

Being expectant and joyful in our faith through having variety in worship and observing the Christian Year.

Being thankful for all that we have received by:

Being generous in our giving; Making our buildings available to our community.

Being humble before God and others by realizing our interdependence on each other.

Being welcoming through having simple, user friendly worship.

Enabling ways of helping others and those in need with many individual church people being active supporters of good causes.

Caring for each other and those in need through keeping in touch with those who are ill and supporting specific requests such as Lent Appeals and supporting the welfare of specific groups such as Armed Forces on active service.

Sustaining each other's faith and each other's needs through praying regarding various concerns and circumstances; Administering the Sacraments and Occasional Offices of the Christian Church; Facilitating affordable socializing.

We nurture our Christian faith by:

Understanding the Good News of Jesus Christ for all through preaching and facilitating study groups; Assisting in School Assemblies; Providing a Sunday School and opportunities for children to celebrate their faith.

Understanding the world around us and the diversity of humanity by raising awareness of differing issues within the context of Christian teaching and world wide requests for prayer from fellow Christians.

Encouraging and expecting loving attitudes through teaching values as well as beliefs;
Adhering to the legal requirements placed upon us as a church.

This is our new mission statement prepared by the Lent Study Group in 2010 and evidenced by the activities above.