



Ardal Weinidogaeth
Cynon Uchaf
Ministry Area

Worshipping, Welcoming, Serving - Addoli, Croesawu, Gwasanaethu

Our Vision 2024-2029



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Introduction

Welcome to our Ministry Area vision document.

This sets out what we hope to achieve together as a group of churches and Christians over the next five years.

It has been put together by members of the Ministry Area Council (MAC) over the past year, following a long process of discussion and prayer.

The document first sets out our Mission Statement - this is a summary, in general terms, of what we believe God is calling us to be and to do.

Our Vision Statement then sets out in more detail how we hope to fulfil this Mission. These are the principles that will guide us over the next few years.

Finally we set out, under each heading of the Mission - Worshipping, Welcoming and Serving - practical steps we hope to take to realise our Vision.

To be realistic, we have identified just one or two steps under each heading to make progress on over the next year to 18 months. We have also listed other ideas we would like to work on in future years.

We would love to hear your feedback on the ideas contained in this Vision. Equally, if you want to get involved with anything described here, please do get in touch.

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Our Mission

Our Mission as a group of churches is

Worshipping God
Welcoming All
Serving Community and Creation

Our Vision

We seek to carry out this Mission in the following ways:

- To place worship at the heart of all we do, respecting the traditions and celebrating the diversity of our various churches, while willing to be innovative and experimental
- To use worship as a means to build a sense of togetherness across our Ministry Area
- To build links with other Christian churches in our area
- To be radically inclusive, reaching out to those who feel, or have been, excluded from the life of the church
- To nurture, celebrate and use the gifts of all God's people
- To serve our local communities by responding to local needs
- To play our part in safeguarding and protecting God's creation



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Worshipping God

Our priorities for the next year/18 months

- Explore ways of worshipping together as a Ministry Area, such as on fifth Sundays of the month
- Provide more opportunities for people to come together and pray
- Explore holding a Ministry Area retreat or pilgrimage

Initiatives already underway

- Launch of a contemporary praise service 'Cynon Calling'

Ideas to explore in the future

- Explore joint worship with other Christian churches to mark important festivals and commemorations



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Welcoming All

Our priorities for the next year/18 months

- Hold a Ministry Area-wide Mission in 2025
- Run a stewardship campaign in October 2024 and October 2025
- Hold a number of Ministry Area-wide social and fundraising events

Initiatives already underway

- Launch a monthly Open Table service to reach out to the LGBTQ+ community
- Run a monthly 8-session discussion group based on the the series “The Chosen”

Ideas to explore in the future

- Run a Youth Alpha course for young people
- Build on the ideas raised in the Radical Welcome course in Lent 2024
- Launch a ‘servers club’ or similar for young people interested in serving at the altar



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Serving Community and Creation

Our priorities for the next year/18 months

- All churches to advertise each others' services and activities
- Work towards bronze Eco Church awards for all churches
- Hold a Ministry Area-wide Sunday raising awareness of and celebrating the environment

Initiatives already underway

- Launch a Ministry Area website
- Continue with school uniform exchange and in future years hold across all areas of the Ministry Area

Ideas to explore in the future

- Explore running an initiative in partnership with Christians Against Poverty
- Set up a Men's Shed - a community space for men to connect, converse and create
- Establish a Forest Church initiative, a creative way of exploring God in creation