

High-level ideas from Transformers for discussion at Parish Council June 21

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High Level Summary 2022-06 v4.pdf;

Dear Friends,

It is a joy and a privilege to be able to share with you the 'high level' summary of the work of the Transformers (our Transforming Futures Team). They have consulted with many (over a hundred) members of our parish community, and with groups and individuals beyond our church. Their careful listening and sifting of what they heard has now been distilled into the fourteen points, fourteen recommendations, attached, which we will discuss at our next Parish Council Meeting on 21st June.

I believe this document offers a clear vision of where we are at this time, and where we could go if we all work together. There are things we might want to apply immediately, there are things to think about further. There are aspects that will require substantial fundraising, and others we could implement with little or no cost. I encourage you to read the report carefully, with an open mind and open heart, and to begin the process of considering what the priorities from these recommendations are, what we can start to work on immediately, what needs longer term planning, and how we, as the Parish Council, will seek to have these recommendations implemented.

The document will be presented and discussed at our next PC meeting, at

which this will be our focus. Other reports will be presented in written format with opportunity for questions of clarification but we hope to keep this brief. The purpose of spending our time on this document will be to start the process of deciding whether and how we as Parish Council can get behind these recommendations, so please come ready to discuss, and keep your options open until we have had opportunity to listen to the team and one another.

I do believe that when we unite behind a project such as this we will indeed be entering into a season of renewal. Let us prayerfully consider how we might work together to achieve this.

Lastly, and certainly not least, I want to offer my grateful thanks to the Team - Joel Hefty and Bill Huzar (co-chairs), Susan Bangrove, Wendy Suddaby, Graeme Brown, Karyn Lehmann, and John McLaren for the mammoth task they have undertaken and the hard work they have put into consultation and reporting, and for the clarity of the attached recommendations. Thank you.

I look forward to our discussions on Tuesday June 21st

Yours with thanks for our partnership in the Gospel,

Alastair