

# Shinfield Church Vision<sup>1</sup>

***'A church where Jesus grows greater, a community transformed by the Kingdom of God,'***

## Objectives

1. A constant stream of village people exploring the Christian faith and supported into God's family;
2. A church full of local people;
3. Members have a Jesus adoring, kingdom building, mentality that serves growth of the church as given by God;
4. The church well known in the community for good works that make Christ's gospel attractive;
5. Provision for all ages to grow in worship, fellowship, outreach, service, discipleship
6. Members and attenders of the church seek and see God grow greater in their lives so that relationships are healthy and wholesome, people feel cared for and loved and care for and love others;
7. A leadership team responsive to the Spirit of God and sensitive to the needs of the non-Christian community creating sustainable capacity for the growth of God's church in the local area;
8. To be financially sustainable and give to others in need including charities
9. The church a model and resource to church planting<sup>2</sup> in the locality;
10. Good relationships with local churches;

## Dreams of Helping to Grow Churches

Shinfield Community Church was reborn 2014/15 with the support and help of Wycliffe Baptist Church. At that time another local church, seeing the fruitful way that Shinfield Community Church had been reborn, asked if 'Shinfield could do for them as a local church, what Wycliffe had done for Shinfield.' Since that moment Shinfield Community Church, knowing how it was helped by others, has actively sought to renew other churches or to start new churches through planting aware that we are in an area of considerable population growth.

## Dreams Realised

In January 2020 Shinfield Community Church was invited to renew Beech Hill Baptist Church and it sent a team of seven people to do this. In 2022 a new congregation – Flourish – was started in Shinfield View Residential Home.

## Dreams to Come

*In planting, we've learnt from experience that being ready means that we can take hold of the opportunities God creates. But being flexible allows us to move well into those opportunities as they arise!*

**2024** Off site congregation e.g. Parson's Grange

**2025** off site prayer or bible study e.g. Thames Valley Science Park

**2026** New Building completed: two congregations on Sunday or one congregation to remain in Alder Grove School one congregation in new building

**2028** off site prayer or bible study e.g.

**2029/30** – Planting a brand new church in Hall Farm Garden Village

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<sup>1</sup> Remastered 2023

<sup>2</sup> Church planting is used here as a broad term to include a range of options such as planting completely new churches; renewing churches that have ceased to function or are close to closure; starting a new congregation within our church building e.g. Youth Worship service; a new congregation off site e.g. a worship service in a residential home; or a bible study/prayer group off site e.g. at Thames Valley Science Park