

St John's Milford

Strategy Day

Saturday, at the Cathedral

This is a day to shape a strategy for the whole of our parish going forward. Together we will ask the most basic questions, who are we and what is our purpose, look honestly at where we stand, and begin to draw out the strategic themes for our future and the pillars that will underpin them. Every voice matters, so please come ready to listen and to share. Nothing is off the table.

The day shapes our direction and recommendations; the PCC remains the body that takes decisions.

Time	Session	What we will do
09:30 to 10:15	Eucharist	We begin in worship in the Cathedral, gathering ourselves before God before the work begins.
10:15 to 10:25	Welcome and how the day works	A brief word on why we are here, to shape a strategy for our whole parish, and how the day will run. Then straight into the work.
10:25 to 11:05	Who are we, and what is our purpose?	The foundational questions. We step back and ask who God has made us to be as a parish, and what we are here for.
11:05 to 11:55	Where are we now?	Telling the truth in love. An honest look at where the parish stands today, and the real issues we must face.
11:55 to 12:00	Short pause to stretch	
12:00 to 12:30	Our strategic themes	We begin to draw out the themes for the future of the parish, growing from who we are and the issues we face.
12:30 to 1:15	Lunch at Seasons Cafe	A break together at Seasons Cafe in the Cathedral.
1:15 to 1:45	The pillars beneath our themes, and how we enable them	For each theme, what underpins it, the first steps we can take, and who will carry them.
1:45 to 2:00	Agreeing the way forward, and sending	We draw the threads together, agree our direction, and close with prayer.

A few things to help the day

- Speak freely and kindly. We are looking at issues and ideas, not at people.
- Every voice counts, so please contribute, especially if you are quieter in larger settings.
- Look forward. This is about the strategy for our whole parish: who we are, where we are going, and how we get there.
- Please note that refreshments are not available during the day, though we will eat together at Seasons Cafe at lunch.