



And any other notes....

This *Way of Living* is to be decided and dedicated by the end of the Year of Prayer, on the feast of Christ the King.

### Listing the priorities for my *Way of Living*

This is a note pad on which to record the priorities which you identify at the end of each season this year.

From this list of priorities you choose which are the most important in your response to God. A well balanced list, like a well-balanced diet, should include something from each of the Christian seasons.

But ultimately, this must be your way of living, the pattern of Christian life to which you feel called and will commit.

You may wish to talk with your incumbent or any other wise and trusted Christian companion about the decisions and choices you make.

It is a good idea to review the *Way of Living* after a year or two, when that same person might also give you encouragement and advice.

#### **Advent: Prayer and the joyful expectation of God's mercy.**

- ◇ How to recognise my failings, to be sorry, to accept forgiveness and change my behaviour.
- ◇ Planning time to pray, and how to pray.

**Christmas: God with us, meeting human need, giving hope**

- ◇ What are the areas of material need in your local community? What opportunity is there for volunteers to help meet those needs?
- ◇ How do you respond to people who are sleeping on the street and who ask you for money?
- ◇ How do you respond to the needs of the poor and dispossessed across the world?

**Lent: Adjusting desires, wiser use of time, space, the earth**

- ◇ Reclaim time and space for quality relationships
- ◇ Put a stop to waste; enjoy just having enough, not more
- ◇ Find God's mercy through radical, individual repentance

**Easter: Celebrating recovery of our authentic, better selves**

- ◇ Care of self in enjoyment and care of others
- ◇ Enjoyment of giving in celebration of God's goodness
- ◇ Celebration of the great Thanksgiving, the Eucharist

**Pentecost: Using the gifts of the Spirit in God's Mission**

- ◇ Your gift for talking about Jesus, with/out words
- ◇ The best way to let the Bible talk to you