Wimborne Baptist Church Church Vision Statement – agreed 20th November 2014

Our priorities for the next five years, arranged according to the categories in our Mission Statement:

To Love and Worship God...by:

- 1. Developing each person's involvement in the prayer life of the church
- 2. Providing structures to retain families and young children currently involved in GB, Messy Church and Mums and Toddlers, so that they can become closer followers of Jesus
- 3. Helping each person discern their passions, gifting and calling ("This is who I am, this is what I can do")
- 4. Recognising that church exists to reach those who do not yet follow Jesus, we will prioritise the needs of those who do not yet attend services by making weekday and Sunday seasonal celebrations more visitor friendly, and extending invitations to our 'Special Sundays' to our local neighbours and church fringe
- 5. Developing the skills base of those able to use multimedia and internet in relation to worship and outreach

To Love and Serve our Neighbours...by:

- 1. Developing appropriate ministries for older people, including for men, carers of all ages, and those dealing with dementia, building initially on our Sunday lunch ministry
- 2. Strengthening relationships with Wimborne Food Bank, Christians Against Poverty and local Credit Unions
- 3. Developing parenting resources for young families associated with church activities
- 4. Developing existing links with schools, pro-actively developing partnerships
- 5. Appointing a champion for justice, fair trade and climate issues

To Live and Speak the Good News...by:

- 1. Holding regular 'Bridge Builder' events, e.g. Craft and Coffee, Pampering, men's activities
- 2. Producing (and reviewing regularly) a good quality church publicity brochure and invitation card
- 3. Planning and carrying out visitation of new and recent housing developments in our immediate area, such as Waters Edge, Newmans Close, Bennett Lodge and Perry Court
- 4. Improving our website and developing our use of social media, as resources and expertise become available
- 5. Developing the use of 'Community Sundays', where our worship starts from our building but moves out into our neighbourhood
