

## Our church in the future

I would like to see our youth back in the church.

I would like to see more ways for people who do not come to church or understand very much about God, how can we show the way?

Total acceptance of all people...resulting in...the same-sex issue will be a non-issue.

Full communion in all rites of church for all !!

A church where young families find community.

That "they'll know we are Christians by our love" is really true.

More people involved in the running of the programs and ministries.

Youth growth in the church.

Strong stewardship focus (understanding, pledging and commitment).

Sermons

Programs throughout the year.

Want the church to stay the same. Like our location. Do more community work. Bring more people into the world.

Stability, passion, growth in congregation, youth performing music, small glasses of wine.

I think that over the next ten years, we should make the church welcoming for our young people. If the music was more up-beat, we had Praise Band, etc. I'm sure it would draw our young people back. By 2019, we should have more young people. Also, we need individual wine containers.

To continue to progress with our ever changing world. To continue to be accepting of everyone.

A church where the majority of vote should be acknowledged.

A church known for its congregational vitality and positive impact on our community life.

A church confident in its mission, vision and action.

In 2019 U see a rejuvenated Christian community. The next 10 years will challenge us and refocus our priorities bringing our existence into perspective. People will be drawn to this parish because of our compassion and open -ness.

Inclusion – to speak to all people and help them see how scripture can help them to a better life no matter their starting point – little changes or big changes – all of us can improve. (Go to people where they are – don't make them change to be included).

In 2019 our church I hope will rise above all the issues, it would have been dealt with. Focusing on the youth. Also making the church one of the most important things that people want to be involved with. Not a forced issue but one that people truly believe and want to belong.

United community of God's people, accepting all people – remembering that Christ died that we may all be redeemed – God loves each and every one of us (regardless of sexuality) – end divisions, continue with ongoing missions, outreach.

To be more welcoming.

Deal with major issue such as same sex marriage with God's help and wisdom.

Locate/combine churches to be viable and active.

Combine or hold additional services to accommodate older and younger congregations.

In the next ten years I would like to see our church put forth a big effort to reach out to those Anglicans who don't come to church on a regular basis – especially teens and young adults. They are our future!

May God continue to bless us with dedicated pastors, deacons, priests, musicians, singers, dancers, teachers, and servers in the next decade and beyond.

St. Andrews: Vary liturgies when the opportunity arises. Look for ways we can open up to our community.

Anglican Church: More outreach and mission work encouraged. Access to resources to develop programs.

Acknowledge that homosexuality exists, that we can not "eradicate" it. Make our church more liberal and open (in the Canadian way) for all to worship and find the love.

Our church: outreach more into the community. In order to be active we need parishioners as finances do count.

National church: be decensive, stop procrastinating.

I realize there is much which could be done to renew and refresh the church. I liked one church's mission statement – Come in, grow in Christ, go out and reach out – isn't this what the Anglican Church is supposed to do? We need to continue our work to engage the youth. We need to encourage the middle agers (25-45) to be more active and buy into volunteering in the church.

The Anglican church needs to make effective decisions on the issues weighing it down. We need to "draw the circle wide" and make sure all are entitled to the sacrament. Make decisions NOW.

I hope our church in the future will have no walls that hold back any who desire to share in God's love and that we will be true disciples of God's Son Jesus.

In the future we need to keep our welcoming and our Christian love evident, not only within the church walls, but out into the community. We could become more involved somehow with the Daycare (why look elsewhere when that opportunity is right here at our own doorstep?!) Our other outreach shod be focused on F.O.O.D and PWRDF. Why not put our collective efforts into these? If we become too involved then we become spread too thin and not enough people to do things successfully. Unless we can get more parishioners to become involved.

I want the Church to be like my playground in the back yard:

1. Fun
2. Imaginative
3. A place to be a kid