

## **TEAM VISION**

We seek to be:

- One congregation made up of three distinct parishes, worshipping in different ways in the seven churches of the parishes.
- A strong Christian community ministering to the needs of all people in our parishes with mission at the heart of our worship.
- A dynamic force recognised as meeting the spiritual and other needs of the youth and families in the area.
- A powerful source of spiritual leadership, recognising:
  - the importance of prayer
  - the need to support the less active members of our congregation, particularly the elderly, and recognising the value of their support through prayer
- An active partner in Churches Together in the Wallingford area, maximising the outreach potential of the individual churches.

## **THE FUTURE**

To achieve our common goal each Parish will:

- Acknowledge its weaknesses and look to the Team for support.
- Recognise its strengths, build on these and offer help to those in need.
- Share resources of every kind.

We wish to build upon the successes so far in Team co-operation by working more closely across the parishes and see the following as some ways of doing this:

- joint courses for marriage preparation
- a shared view and open approach to baptism and confirmation
- more frequent team services and clergy exchanges
- joint consultation on, for example; Evangelisation and the introduction of Common Worship
- wider use of the talents of the laity across the team, in such areas as baptism preparation, interaction with schools, bereavement follow-up visits and youth work
- more social and "fun" occasions!

**The whole is greater than the sum of the parts.**