

Mission Action Plan

Our Bishop has encouraged every parish to produce a Mission Action Plan –a MAP. It aims to identify the three areas of our Mission which will be the focus of our work for the next year or so.

On our behalf, this was drawn up by our Parochial Church Council. They reflected on our last MAP produced in 2015. They also listened to you, St John's people, to understand those areas of our work which are important to you at the moment.

Whilst all aspects of the life of St John's will continue as before, special emphasis will be given to the three areas outlined in our Mission Action Plan.

If you would like to give a hand with any of these, or if you have any ideas about what we might do, speak to a Churchwarden :

Lynn Sanger



Tatiana Hagan



May the assurance
of your love strengthen us,
O God,
and the light
of your presence
set our hearts on fire
with love for you,
now and for ever, Amen

St John the Baptist Parish Church Malden

Mission Action Plan 2017



A Eucharistic community of all ages.

Believing that God meets us at St John's most prominently in the Eucharist:

We need to expand the ways in which the Eucharist is accessible to people of all ages, and to people with a range of spiritual needs.

To that end, we will:

- ask people of all ages what helps them engage with the Eucharist in our current pattern and style of services.
- we will also ask what makes it difficult for them to engage.
- recognising that many of our worshippers have little or no church experience before St John's, we will consider ways in which we can help the whole Congregation to grow in their understanding of the Eucharist.
- we will review our pattern of services, to consider what would best suit the needs of current and future worshippers.

Communication

Believing that God loves all people without distinction:

We want people throughout the whole Parish to know about God's love for them; we want them to know how St John's can serve them.

We want worshippers at St John's to have clear and accurate information about matters affecting the life of the Congregation.

We want these communications to be as accessible as possible.

To those ends we will

- review all our current means and platforms for communication, amongst them:
 - * our use of noticeboards and posters both at St Johns and throughout the Parish
 - * our parish leaflets
 - * our Parish Magazine
 - * our Pewsheet
 - * the way we give information during acts of worship
 - * our Parish eMailing
- we will consider and develop our online presence, beginning with our Parish Website and Parish Blog, Facebook and Twitter

Caring for creation

Believing that God has created the world in love and calls us to care for the ecosystems upon which we depend, we will

- care for our churchyard, recovering the biodiversity achieved before the survey by the London Ecological Unit in 2006.
- involve members of the congregation and the wider community in environmental projects in our churchyard.
- make our buildings more efficient in their use of energy and other resources
- preach and teach care for creation, throughout the year, but especially during our celebration of the Season of Creation in September/October.
- inform and inspire people to adopt sustainable lifestyles and make environmentally responsible choices
- promote contact with environmental organisations beyond the parish.
- set realistic sustainability goals and monitor our performance against them.