

Mission Action Plan DVE examples.

A. Multi-church example.

Discipleship

1) What We're Offering NOW

- Preaching on discipleship (through the Common Worship Lectionary)
- Launching the *Pilgrim Course* (October 2017, to continue through 2019)
- '*Beta*' Course (post-ALPHA provision for 'going deeper' in Christian understanding and commitment)
- Messy Church (monthly provision)
- Weekly Collective
- 'Faith Focus Days' (full day of teaching offered to all pupils, one day per academic term, on Discipleship, Prayer, and Eucharist)
- 'Mondays in Advent/Lent' – worship and Biblical reflection
- Formation of a 'Worship Leaders Team' of pupils representing each year group at a school
- Weekly Ecumenical Prayers
- Village – e-mails sent regularly to all residents informing them of ministry and mission events taking place

2) What We Hope to Offer in the COMING YEAR

- (Continue with the above)
- Continuing development of the All Saints School 'Worship Leaders Team'
- Additional 'Faith Focus Days' for All Saints School for KS2, going deeper into Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter
- *Communion Before Confirmation* course to be offered during the 2017/18 academic year as an after-school provision at All Saints School
- Use of *SHAPE* course to help identify, develop, and encourage the use of every Christian's gifts and talents for 24/7 discipleship and ministry

3) What We Hope to Offer in the YEARS AHEAD

- (Continue with items listed in 1 and 2, as appropriate)
- Explore possible development of Home Groups arising out of *Pilgrim Course*
- Train Home Group Leaders
- Resources to support Ministry in the Workplace/Daily Life

Vocation

1) What We're Offering NOW

- Preaching on vocation (through the Common Worship Lectionary)
- Promoting Diocesan Vocational Exploration Days at Shallowford House
- 'Faith Focus Day' on Discipleship (All Saints School)
- School Worship Leaders Team
- One church has 'Monday Afternoon Drop-in' and another church 'Wednesday Welcome' held weekly

2) What We Hope to Offer in the COMING YEAR

- (Continue with the above)
- *Pilgrim* Course – all modules offered over two years
- External preachers/speakers developing everyone's understanding of vocation
- Promote up take of *Pathways of Ministry* Diocesan Course
- Short testimonials/reflections on 'My Ministry/Calling' by congregational members in appropriate worship services
- Vocational exploration in church Youth Groups, and Primary Schools

3) What We Hope to Offer in the YEARS AHEAD

- (Continue with items listed in 1 and 2, as appropriate)
- *SHAPE* Course, exploring the development and use of gifts of every Christian in ministry and mission
- Courses and resources enabling deeper reflection on Ministry in the Workplace/Daily Life

Evangelism

1) What We're Offering NOW

- Preaching on evangelism (through use of Common Worship Lectionary)
- Special/Festival Worship Services throughout the year (e.g., Harvest, Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Patronal Festival, Remembrance Sunday, All Souls, etc.)
- *ALPHA* Course (offered at one church, available to all interested persons in the benefice)
- Messy Church held monthly in two churches
- One church 'Monday Afternoon Drop-in' and another church 'Wednesday Welcome'
- 'Tea and Toast' fellowship at one Church
- Social and fellowship events throughout the year
- One church 1st Sunday All-Age Praise with Worship Band
- Community Choir (meets weekly in one church, and offers concerts and worship support during the year)
- Special interest groups (e.g., Craft Clubs, Bell Ringing, Handbell Choir, Walking Group, etc.)
- 'Open Church' – one church open daily, another church every weekend from May through September and daily in August
- Holy Week Worship Events, including Good Friday Workshop (in partnership with Methodist Church) and Good Friday Messy Church in one church.
- Uniformed groups in one community help lead worship at Harvest, Remembrance, and Mothering Sunday (in another community, uniformed groups join in Remembrance Sunday)

2) What We Hope to Offer in the COMING YEAR

- (Continue with the above)
- 'Little Fishes' Toddler Group (joint provision by All Saints and Methodists)
- Use of *Faith Pictures* Course (developed by Church Army)
- Development of a new *Benefice Media Team* (including exploration of setting up a new provision for a Benefice Magazine, use of websites and social media)
- Participation in *HOPE 2018* initiative

- Explore fresh opportunities to increase participation of, and outreach to, uniformed groups in the villages
- Explore provision for children/young people in main Sunday Services in two churches
- Introduction of new Fresh Expressions (non-eucharistic worship) in one church, including *Café Church*

4) What We Hope to Offer in the YEARS AHEAD

- (Continue with items listed in 1 and 2, as appropriate)
- Use CPAS Course *Lost for Words* to help move people on from *Faith Pictures*
- Develop one-off events to attract people (Bangers and Beer Evening, etc.)

B. Single church example.

DISCIPLESHIP

How are we seeking to follow Christ as disciples?

NOW – celebrate with us that:

- We have two Pilgrim groups and have started a new Sunday provision for children: Explorers
- We encourage prayer and response within local schools
- We offer daily public prayer in our church, a regular meditation group and are about to open a new prayer chapel
- We keep our church building open each day as a sign of Christian hospitality

THE COMING YEAR – pray for our immediate plans to:

- Offer 'Listening to God' Quiet Days
- Make available again resources for bible reading eg SACRED
- Offer a themed approach to Lent and Holy Week around discipleship issues – possibly focusing on 'Building a Rule of Life'

IN THE YEARS AHEAD – dream with us:

- As we aspire to grow a network of house groups to support discipleship
- As we explore options for an intentional community of discipleship relevant to our context

VOCATION

How are we responding to God's call on our lives?

NOW – celebrate with us that:

- We have supported several vocations to ordained ministry
- We have an emerging music group to help lead our worship
- We have seen a wide range of support for new initiatives such as Places of Welcome
- We have witnessed many practical responses to needs around the church and churchyard

- We are seeing new people take part in leading prayers and reading at public worship as we encourage people to 'have a go'

THE COMING YEAR – pray for our immediate plans to:

- Develop leaders for small groups as a training programme
- Grow a healing ministry team in response to God's call
- Develop a PCC Development Programme to ensure we move towards a more rounded culture of vocation

IN THE YEARS AHEAD – dream with us:

- As we offer practical teaching about spiritual gifts and promote their use within our community
- As we seek to grow a more diverse leadership and ministry culture which opens up opportunities for younger people and new Christians

EVANGELISM

How are we seeking to share the Good News of Christ with others?

NOW – celebrate with us that:

- We pray for each street in the parish regularly and post a Christmas card to each property
- We intentionally share the hope and promise of the gospel through the many Occasional Offices
- We are engaged on a regular basis with half a dozen local schools in worship, prayer, and teaching about Jesus
- We are seeking to embody the Good News in actions around justice and the environment (Caring for God's Acre etc)

THE COMING YEAR – pray for our immediate plans to:

- Explore 'Grave Talk' and bereavement follow up
- Explore ways of following up baptism and confirmation
- Further develop our social media platforms as 'Good News' vehicles
- Equip church members for a healing ministry across the parish

IN THE YEARS AHEAD – dream with us:

- As we seek to place an integral ministry of healing at the centre of our life and to become a healthy and healing church living out the transformative Good News of Christ.
- As we seek to recover confidence in the Good News, especially as it impacts on the poorest parts of our community – 'Good News for the Poor'