

Mission Action Plan

May 2018



Submitted as part of the Amersham Deanery Mission Action Plan.

Introduction.

Over the last year we have engaged in two Mission Action Planning sessions led by Revd. Gill Lovell, the Parish Development Officer for the Buckingham Archdeaconry.

Members of the church community have gathered together to reflect on what we are doing now, (see APCM report for 2017) and in turn how we are to journey onwards in light of the Rt. Revd. Dr. Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford's call to be a more Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous church.

Following this members of the PCC and the Ministerial team met together and, placing Christ at the centre of all that we do and using the information and reflections gathered from these sessions, now present our Mission Action Plan. This document sets out the vision for the Parish of St Michael & All Angels for 2018 - 2023.

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Vicar



What is our current situation?

Central location and open door policy

Shrinking human and financial resources

Part of COTHA - Churches on the Hill Amersham

What three things do we do well?

Pastoral Care

Liturgy

Openness

What are our top three challenges?

Responding to changing community needs.

Attracting and growing families, and other new members.

Providing more outreach events that are non-threatening and inclusive to the community we serve.

What are our key priorities for the next 5 years?

Maximise and evolve what we do well to grow the congregation and teach the faith.

Developing family activities and drawing in other new members.

Raise awareness and respond to environmental issues.

Increase social interaction and community engagement.

What are our key actions for the next five years?

Celebrate and raise awareness of the huge amount of things we do well!

Look to outside help for things we cannot do ourselves, and to partnerships for things we cannot do on our own.

Acknowledge financial implications of mission outreach and respond.

Taking on
board the
comments
from our
sessions
these are our
Priorities,
Actions and
Challenges.

Towards a
Common
Vision



Where do we plan to be more Contemplative?

In being prepared to let go.

In making time and space to reflect.

In discerning where our journey of faith is leading us.

Where do we plan to be more Compassionate?

In meeting the community at their point of need. .

Developing a more informal and engaging family worship service.

To love as Christ loves.

Where do we plan to be more Courageous?

In having the courage to change and not being afraid to fail.

In experimenting with church layouts and service liturgy.

In reviewing Baptism and Confirmation preparation and services.

By working more with outside providers.

By looking for more ways to go out into the community and serve them.

By looking for new ways to teach the faith.

Mission Action Plan Review



June 2019

Where do we plan to be more Contemplative?

In being prepared to let go. Acknowledging the Pastoral Care Team's excellent and long service, but with modern pressures, reluctantly we have let this go.

In making time and space to reflect. COTHA Labyrinth Day 14/03/2020

In discerning where our journey of faith is leading us. On going process....

Where do we plan to be more Compassionate?

In meeting the community at their point of need. Exploring the possibility of other outreach opportunities/services such as Crafty Cuppa....

Developing a more informal and engaging family worship service. Gathered Round Service now well established and evolving.

To love as Christ loves. Received funding for providing food bags for those in need; for the stranger, those living in our parish and the homeless. Also linked with Rotate who provide clothing for those in need in the community.

Where do we plan to be more Courageous?

In having the courage to change and not being afraid to fail. Messy Church, Pastoral Care.

In experimenting with church layouts and service liturgy. Messy Church & Gathered Round. Looking at Healing Services & Baptism Service.

In reviewing Baptism and Confirmation preparation and services. Youth Confirmation preparation now established. Five Confirmed 2018 & Five 2019. Baptism preparation awaits.

By working more with outside providers. Looking to possible help for Not One for Lunch or with possible new ventures such as Crafty Cuppa/Vintage Messy.

By looking for more ways to go out into the community and serve them. Ongoing

Acknowledgements and Thanks!

This Mission Action Plan is a living document and will be reviewed on an annual basis, and as such will be open to the workings and direction of the Holy Spirit, as we walk together this journey of faith.

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