

MISSION ACTION PLAN

Goals for 2006/7

'A church growing closer to God, each other and our community'

This leaflet aims to set out clearly the goals which St. Mary's Church hopes to achieve in 2006/7. The DCC spent two meetings looking at the opportunities facing us at the present time and praying for God's prompting as to how we should be moving forward. There are a number of exciting opportunities to be grasped and only with the involvement of every member using their time, energy and gifting will our vision be realised.

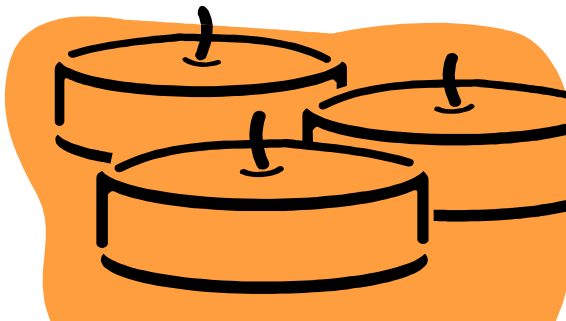
Our work together over the next few years will be set against the major redevelopment of our buildings. However, we believe most of the goals can still be achieved in the midst of what seems to be a number of uncertainties about timing.

Therefore we invite you to prayerfully read and engage with what has been proposed and ask you to join with us in working towards our vision statement that we want St. Mary's to be a church that is growing closer to God, each other and our community and plans to do that BY WORSHIPPING TOGETHER - BY MEETING TOGETHER - BY BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER and BY GROWING IN OUR PERSONAL WALK WITH GOD.

BY WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Specific goals:

1. To review and develop our All Age Services in order to involve and attract more children, young people and their families.
 - a) through reviewing the format of our All Age services
 - b) through encouraging occasional All Age services to be planned and led by young people
 - c) through giving responsibility and training to young people to act as sidespersons at All Age services
2. To create opportunities for people to encounter God in worship
 - a) through song
 - b) through silence
 - c) through prayer ministry
 - d) through testimony and interview



BY MEETING TOGETHER

Specific goals:

1. Encourage more people to come together:
 - a) for a time limited period - e.g.
Lent/Advent
 - b) for half days of prayer and monthly
prayer evenings
2. Set up appropriate social events for the church family to meet together but which are also attractive to newcomers and people on the fringe of church
 - a) by setting up a social events group



BY BUILDING BRIDGES TOGETHER

Specific goals:

1. Develop a programme to reach out to the new communities coming into West Twyford in the new housing schemes.
 - a) by producing a welcome pack
 - b) by creating a team of visitors
2. Develop our vision for the community use of the reordered Cachenille Day building:
 - a) through the DCC consulting the congregation
 - b) through setting up a community vision group
 - c) through visiting other church's completed community schemes
 - d) through consulting other community groups in West Twyford
3. To hold an Alpha Group in West Twyford
 - a) by encouraging congregation to host, invite, pray for friends and neighbours to come
 - b) to look at the possibility of holding a Youth Alpha
 - c) to set up a Post Alpha group in West Twyford
4. Develop opportunities for congregation to invite friends and neighbours to social events which also invite them to worship.
 - a) through a Community BBQ and Open Air Songs of Praise on next day
 - b) through a Harvest Meal and Harvest Festival
 - c) c) through a 20-40's social event and Christingle

5 Organise fundraising events for Phase 2 of our redevelopment for community to join in.

a) through setting up a fundraising group



BY GROWING IN OUR PERSONAL WALK WITH
GOD

Specific goals:

1. To encourage more people to belong to a regular small group in order to learn, share friendship, and pray together.
 - a) through invitation to a new group
 - b) through invitation to an existing group

'Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever' AMEN

These Mission Action Plan Goals have been developed by the members of your District Church Council. If you wish to discuss them or feel you would like to help in any way, please feel free to talk to any member named below:

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