

Mission Action Plan SUMMARY

*This form is designed to help parishes to summarise their Mission Action Plan. It can be used in conjunction with the **Mission Action Plan RECORD** form. Please note, this **SUMMARY** is the form to send to Bishop Alan (NB please see overleaf for details of the address to use).*

This form can be filled in on a computer as a Word Document or printed off and completed by hand. You can also complete it online on www.livinggodslove.org. Parishes will be sent login details.

Our Details

Name of Parish	Abbots Langley – St Lawrence & the Church of the Ascension
Deanery	Watford
MAP Contact Person <i>Name and email</i>	The Revd Dr Jo Spreadbury – jo.spreadbury@tinyworld.co.uk

Dates *the key date is the one on which the MAP is adopted by the PCC*

If appropriate, the date that <u>the previous MAP</u> was adopted by the PCC	
This MAP	
MAP adopted by PCC	21/03/12
MAP presented to APCM	24/04/12
MAP Summary sent to Bishop	
MAP Review planned for	April 2013

Our Looking *Identify three key things about your parish (and the wider context) and three key things about your church.*

Three things we have seen about our parish and our world
1. Local residents positive about living in friendly villages and communities, although some concern about disruptive youth presence.
2. Churches seen as a significant and valued part of the villages.
3. No community forum/focal point in the villages (other than the churches).

Three things we have seen about our church
1. Creative tension between different expectations of those who value tradition and those who want to welcome more newcomers.
2. Many in the congregations are engaged in the communities and willing to engage in new ideas.
3. Generosity of the churches within the communities and the parish within the local area.

Our Discerning

Please summarise your Vision, Priorities and Goals.

Our Vision is

How we want to be described in five years' time.

Our vision is to offer worship to God which nurtures Christians of all backgrounds and ages, which attracts and inspires newcomers, and encourages them onto the path of discipleship.

We want to be able to communicate more effectively within the communities and within the congregations, providing teaching to build people's confidence in the Good News of God and to challenge the assumptions and anxieties of a secular age.

Our Priorities are

Our three key priorities for the next five years.

1. To draw people, especially the regular congregations, deeper into worship.
2. To bring more school families, baptism families and wedding couples into regular worship.
3. To find ways of providing more for the needs of the elderly in the community.

It might be helpful for each priority to reflect one of the themes of Living God's Love.

You may, of course, have other priorities in your MAP.

Our Goals are

Our five key SMART goals for the next year or more.

1. To improve the confidence of those who take part in worship (readers, intercessors, servers, choir members, Sunday School leaders, etc).
2. To offer another course together with Langleybury – possibly 'Worship for Today' – and invite members of other churches to take part again.
3. To look at the timing and type of services we offer.
4. To reach out to the residential homes (eg offering friendship and leisure activities).
5. To set up a working group to look at a possible extension to St Lawrence Church (to include toilet facilities, a small meeting room and a small kitchen area).
6. To continue to support the excellent work of the Abbots Langley Youth Project.

You may, of course, have other Goals in your MAP

Please send this form, either by post or email, to Bishop Alan or submit it online

email map@stalbans.anglican.org *Save it as a file something like StJohnsAnytown MAP Feb 2012*

post Mission Action Plans, Holywell Lodge, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans AL1 1HE.

online *use your parish login* to complete it online at* www.livinggodslove.org

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