

St. Lawrence, Abbots Langley with the Church of the Ascension, Bedmond

Mission Action Plan 2017-2020

Our churches exist to worship God, proclaim his Kingdom and serve our neighbours.

That purpose shapes these priorities for the next three years:

Going Deeper into God

- Renewing our liturgy in terms of quality and diversity
- Offering opportunities for all to learn more about the Bible, faith, and prayer.
- Helping all our members translate the core habits of discipleship into their daily lives.
- Discerning God's call to each of us in the church's life and the wider world.

Making New Disciples

- Welcoming and building relationships with all who come for christening here.
- Sustaining our Anglican-Methodist *Messy Church*.
- Offering teenagers friendship and the space to explore life's big questions.
- Reconnecting with all on our electoral roll.

Transforming Communities

- Educating ourselves about the needs of our local community
- Encouraging volunteering within the community
- Supporting our local schools
- Developing our relationships with our partner communities in Malawi and Kenya.

As first steps, by July 2018 we will:

Going Deeper into God

- Re-establish the Worship Committee to examine our pattern and standards of worship.
- Introduce one regular (at least monthly!) evening service with a significantly different 'feel' to our norm.
- Run a rolling faith development programme.
- Raise the profile of existing house-groups and encourage the formation of new ones.
- Develop a parish 'pattern of life', suggesting a framework for Christian life.

Making New Disciples

- Review our christening process from first enquiry to one year afterwards, emphasising the welcome extended to newcomers from the whole church.
- Recruit at least ten people to help with Messy Church (crafts and catering).
- Begin a monthly pizza supper for teenagers.
- Ensure all non-engaged people on the Electoral Roll receive a visit from the church and at least three invitations to social events or special services.
- Offer at least two courses or events exploring faith for those not already part of the church.

Transforming Communities

- Distribute a summary of the available socio-economic data amongst the congregation, displaying it in our churches and on the website
- Host a series of meetings with local GPs, councillors, police officers, headteachers etc.
- Host a volunteering fair, connecting all those who want to volunteer with local organisations in need of assistance.
- Produce and distribute to the schools of the parish a menu of ways in which the churches might be able to support their work.
- Increase awareness of the Malawi and Kenya projects among the congregations; and support the trip to Malosa in 2018.

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