

NEXT STEPS

- Messy Church
- Refugee & Asylum Seekers Project
- Integrated Social Media
- PMP Action Planning
- Increased Schools Work

**Implementation of year of
Growth 2017**

Mission Action Plan Prayer

*We pray that, according to the riches of his glory,
we may be strengthened in our inner being with power
through the Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts
through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in love.*

*For we are what he has made us,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God has prepared beforehand
to be our way of life.*

Amen

The Parish of St. Margaret's and St. George's, Prestwich

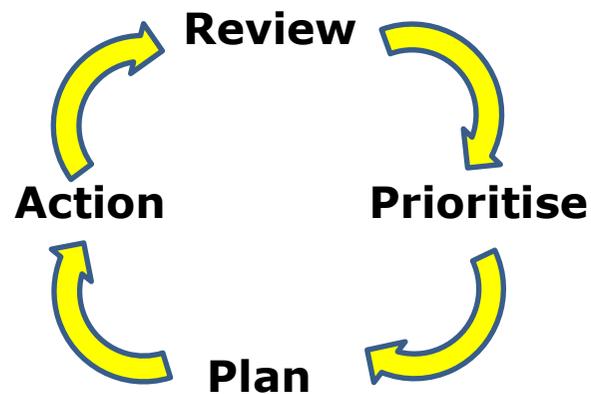
MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP)



**Welcome, Worship,
Fellowship, Service**

Why a Mission Action Plan (MAP)?

MAP is a process which enables a local church to prayerfully discern the priorities God has for it, and to plan the mission activities it is going to undertake over the coming months and years. A key part of the process is involving the whole church in seeking God and developing a clear vision statement. The MAP includes reviewing what we do, prioritising what is important to us, planning what we are going to do and putting it into action.



Diocesan Goals

A worshipping, growing, transforming presence at the heart of every community.

- Growing
- Nurturing
- Serving

Year of Service 2019

Week of Service in the Community/on-going events

Harvest Weekend

Lent Course – Service Theme 40 acts of kindness

ACTIONS:

- Explore how we can be more involved in our community
- Maximise our use of buildings
- Work with our mission partnership to explore how we can work together to serve Prestwich
- Raise awareness of wider aspects
aspects of international mission and service e.g. representatives from Tear Fund, Christian Aid, Children's Society speaking to us
- International Links with a Church or School
- Have a 'place of welcome' for the community; 'drop-in centre'
- Extension of our refugee and asylum seekers friendship group

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." **Matthew 25. 35-40***

Year of Mission 2018

Week of Mission - Something for schools during the day - 'Jesus Fest'
- Every night something for different groups of people

Harvest Weekend - Harvest around the world

Lent Course - Mission

In the week of mission meet in a variety of venues e.g. Costa, pub, school.

ACTIONS:

- Social events to welcome new people
- Explore different ways and means of mission especially for young people and young adults.
- Increased involvement in schools e.g. Jesus Festival during week of mission
- Take Stations of the Cross to Heaton Park
- Inter-faith work
- Invite a range of people to visit during the week of mission e.g. Christian Bikers, Church Army, and Gospel Group.
- Explore putting on an event of some kind in Heaton Park (Pentecost Praise)? BBQ?
- Explore mission using integrated social media

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Matthew 28. 9

Review

Our Values:

Welcome, Worship, Fellowship, Service

Our Vision:

A thriving, vibrant, exciting church growing in numbers, spirituality and serving God in the community

Our Strengths:

*Pastoral Care
Welcoming (friendly)
Fellowship (social events)
Worship (services)*

Our Areas for Development:

- *Increase in numbers, especially children and young families*
- *Being proactive in the community (mission/service)*
- *Aspects of spiritual growth, nurture and giving*
- *Communication - especially in terms of social media and people being aware of our presence.*
- *Partnerships with others*

Our Priorities

- *Growing in Numbers (mission)*
- *Community Involvement*
- *Spiritual Growth & Giving*
- *Communication & Publicity*
- *Working in Partnerships with Others*

From the questionnaires that we have completed, here are some of the comments you made.



Year of Growth 2017

Week of Dedication

Harvest Weekend – Harvest of talents

Lent Course – Creative Prayer

ACTIONS:

- Extend Dedication Sunday to a week in which the Church will be open every lunchtime for prayer and music
- Lent course will be exploring prayer through the arts.
- Extend opportunities for spiritual growth – an annual programme
- Staycation (bring a friend)
- Family Friday Worship
- Explore the viability of 'Family Staycation'
- Explore the ways in which we can increase vocations and laity involvement
- Achieve Child Friendly Award
- Produce a leaflet promoting Church
- Produce a welcome leaflet

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Colossians 2. 6-7

Year of Fellowship 2016

Week of Fellowship - Staycation

Harvest –Our relationship with Creation

**Lent Course – At Sea with God by M. Silf –
our Church and the way forward**

ACTIONS:

- Staycation – a week of events in and around the area.
- Reviewed and enhanced Pastoral Care
- A wide variety of fellowship events provided by Events Committee, Social Circle, and Mothers' Union
- Vicarage Social Events
- Mothers' Union & Posh Afternoon Tea
- Bible Fellowship with shared lunch
- Trialled Messy Church
- Introduced Daily Prayer Leaflet and Daily Reflections which are available electronically or in paper form

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13. 34-35***

Our Mission Action Plan

Our mission action plan is based on the five priorities that came out of our questionnaire – spiritual growth and nurture (growing and giving), growing in numbers, especially young people and families (mission), serving the community, communication and working in partnerships with others.

Part 1

Our on-going day to day mission builds on what we already do and develops it further focusing particularly on our priority areas.

Part 2

Themed years which focus on a particular priority.

2016 **Year of Fellowship**

2017 **Year of Growth**

2018 **Year of Mission**

2019 **Year of Service**

Communication, including social media and working in partnership with others will be integrated throughout the themed years.

**Underpinning all that we do is prayer
and
the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

WORSHIP/SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Build on our current services by

- Exploring other forms of worship that are not Sunday based.
- Establish an annual programme of quiet afternoons, retreats, courses.
- On-line prayers, thoughts for the day, sermons.
- Expand Peregrini
- Increased laity involvement in Church life.
- To renew our giving in time, talents & money

COMMUNICATION

- Continue to develop our website, Facebook, twitter and church app
- Better use of noticeboards – inside and out
- Increase publicity and promote ourselves more
- Establish a church section on the school newsletter
- Deliver a Christmas/Easter card to every home in the parish
- Develop a leaflet promoting ourselves

FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- Explore more child friendly services
- Messy Church
- Family anniversary weekend
- Family staycation
- Welcome pack for new members
- Social events targeting new members
- Consult with young people about what we can do for them

MISSION/CHARITIES

We are involved with several charities both as a church and as individuals supported by the church family. Part of our mission plan is to ensure these continue. These include:

Porch boxes, Barnabas, Leprosy Mission, NSPCC, US, MU charities, Christian Aid, Children's Society, Home Essentials Project, Harvest collections, Alzheimer's, McMillan, Tear Fund., Toy service, Vision Worldwide, Sunday School Sponsored child.

SCHOOLS' WORK

We are currently actively involved at St. Margaret's School in a variety of ways including weekly assemblies, a weekly prayer and reflection group, Experience Christmas, governor work, supporting staff. As part of our mission action plan we are extending this to include:

- Peace shed nurture group
- Y6 Christingle afternoon
- Education Sunday

Last year Heaton Park School (Y1) came to us to see a baptism and a wedding. Y2 & Y5 also visited. We offered Experience Easter to KS1.

This year we are extending this to

- Monthly assemblies
- Experience Christmas and Easter to all.
- This year we have increased usage of the Church by schools - Parrenthorn, St. Margaret's School, St. Margaret's Pre-School, Holyrood Nursery, and hope to build on this.

OUR ON GOING MISSION ACTION PLAN

OCCASIONAL OFFICES

Maximising occasional offices by having opportunities for inviting people back to church. We will personally invite all those who have been baptised, married and relatives of the deceased in the last year to one of the appropriate services

- All Soul's Service
- Wedding preparation day
- Celebration of love and marriage
- Godparents' day
- Crib service
- Post confirmation

COMMUNITY

We will continue with the community events that we already have: Harvest, Lent Lunches, Christmas Fairs, use of our buildings and halls (Church House, Youth and Community Centre, Lady Wilton Hall and our Church), the work of the social events committee, social circle & MU. We aim to increase our community involvement with

- Refugee and asylum seekers friendship group
- Explore what we can offer to young people
- Explore 'place of welcome'
- Explore what the community needs and how we can help.

PARTNERSHIPS

- Prestwich Mission Partnership working together on a MAP.
- Deanery working together on a MAP.
- Working with Churches Together in Prestwich & Kersal.
- Working with other faiths.
- Links with secular organisations.