

Parish of Langley Marish

Mission Action Plan 2015

PRIORITIES AGREED FOR THE PARISH

Updated Review – January 2017

PRIORITY	ACTION / TIMING
<i>Sustaining the Sacred Centre</i>	
CONTINUE to nurture discipleship through study and prayer	<p><i>Small groups is an area where we need steadily and consistently to give the message.</i></p> <p><i>There has been teaching on prayer with sessions led by the Archdeacon of Buckingham and Jo & Nick Gallant from Pelagos.</i></p> <p><i>Regular prayer meetings are held at St F and CtW; St M has developed a 'prayer space'</i></p> <p><i>Morning of Prayer for new appointment</i></p>
ENCOURAGE more church members to participate in small groups	
CONTINUE to develop our corporate prayer life	
<i>Shaping Confident Collaborative Leadership</i>	
CONTINUE to develop lay leadership through training courses	<p><i>Those who attended the Preaching Course are being supported by Ted Kent at Wexham, and have continued to exercise their ministry.</i></p> <p><i>Several congregation members have attended Deanery courses on Welcoming, Intercessions and Pastoral Care.</i></p> <p><i>We have welcomed Sue Lepp as Curate in Training from July 2016</i></p>
PROVIDE better publicity for courses and help with transport	
CONTINUE to encourage individuals to exercise leadership in new ways and to encourage members to explore vocation to lay or ordained ministry in a variety of forms	
<i>Creating Vibrant Christian Communities</i>	
CONTINUE cementing relationships within the congregations and across the Parish, through pastoral care and shared activities	<p><i>There is growing sense of working together across the Parish.</i></p> <p><i>The 2015 and 2016 Stewardship Campaigns were successful, but some of the gains have been reversed by deaths and other losses.</i></p> <p><i>We need to continue to make Stewardship a priority, in order maintain our capacity. The 2017 campaign also makes use of the 'Giving in Grace' materials.</i></p> <p><i>New members as well as existing ones are being encouraged to pledge, and to consider their level of giving.</i></p>
CONTINUE to pay the Parish Share in full and to give 10% to mission AGENCIES	
PROVIDE teaching, preaching, and study course on stewardship	
INCREASE overall stewardship giving by 5% each year	
INCREASE the number of pledged givers	
ENCOURAGE all givers to move towards giving at least 5% of net income to the church	

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<i>Making Disciples</i>	
CONTINUE to provide opportunities to explore the Christian faith	<i>The usual opportunities have continued, for example, Alpha.</i>
CONTINUE to support mission beyond the parish	<i>Relationships with schools developed through involvement in the Harvest Celebrations – 6 schools involved in 2016</i>
CONTINUE relationships with our schools	
DEVELOP relationship with new schools	<i>Welcome Leaflets have gone out to various housing areas, in partnership with Holy Family and Free Church.</i>
PROVIDE Welcome/Greeting Leaflets for new housing	
CONTINUE to develop the use of our website	<i>Sessions on Inter-Faith understanding have taken place, and visits to a Hindu Temple and a Mosque</i>
PROVIDE training in evangelism and teaching on other faiths	
PROVIDE children’s Holiday Club with a focus on musical activities	Evangelism and new schools have been put aside for the moment, but there are wider discussions about a possible Lighthouse Holiday Club in the area in 2018 / 2019
<i>Making a Difference in the World</i>	
RECOGNISE and CELEBRATE the many ways people are already ‘making a difference’; and ENCOURAGE all to play their part	<i>Involvement with Coffee Shop, Foodbank, Neighbourhood Forum and magazine continue, along with many other activities.</i>
CONTINUE involvement with Langley Community Coffee Shop and Slough Foodbank, encouraging volunteers and donations	<i>Under ‘Social Justice’ some attended the Climate Lobby in June 2015; the Harvest Celebration addressed related issues. The Lent Course for 2016 was on ‘Movement & Migration’.</i>
CONTINUE to be a Christian ‘voice’ in the community, through <i>Around Langley Magazine</i>	
CONTINUE involvement in the community with LNF, NAG etc.	<i>The Harvest Celebrations were very successful, with up to 600 attending in 2015 & 2016 and good partnerships with charities, schools and businesses. A similar event is being considered for 2017 or 2018</i>
CONTINUE to engage with issues of social justice	
DEVELOP our engagement with those who use our buildings	We need to consider exactly what we mean by engagement with those who use our buildings. <i>The Homeless Shelter has been run one night a week, January to March 2016, at Christ the Worker, and again in 2017; this has gone very well, with plenty of volunteers coming forward and a very positive sense of engagement.</i>
EXPLORE new partnerships, in particular with SHOC and Homeless Shelter, or Christians Against Poverty; offer the use of our many buildings, and engage by volunteering	
HOLD an open air Harvest Celebration in Langley Memorial Park, in September 2015	

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PRIORITY	ACTION / TIMING
<i>Sustaining the Sacred Centre</i>	<i>Nurture</i>
ENCOURAGE more members to use Daily Study Notes PROVIDE teaching on individual & corporate prayer	<i>6 new takers for Daily Study Notes</i> <i>Prayer sessions led by Karen Gorham and Jo & Nick Gallant, with mixed response; Prayer Space set up in St. Mary's</i>
<i>Shaping Confident Collaborative Leadership</i>	<i>Serve</i>
DEVELOP and resource leadership for work with children and young people ENCOURAGE our young people to take on roles within the church	<i>The team has continued its excellent work; the Great Cake Debate ran for a year but has now stopped, as young people move on</i> <i>Members have attended Deanery courses on Welcoming, Intercessions and Pastoral Care</i>
<i>Creating Vibrant Christian Communities</i>	<i>Welcome</i>
CONTINUE to focus on the welcome we offer by noticing newcomers, inviting them to social events and encouraging them to play a full part in the life of the congregation CONTINUE to respond flexibly to the changing nature of the congregation CONSIDER setting up a support group for those bereaved and grieving EXPLORE ways to engage with men in and around the congregation	<i>Informal Welcoming Team set up</i> <i>Real coffee instituted after 11am service</i> <i>New people report a good sense of welcome; several new families have started to attend</i> <i>Bereavement Group on hold; Death Café held twice with positive response</i> No specific new actions
<i>Making Disciples</i>	<i>Engage</i>
CONTINUE to make full use of opportunities to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to those attending occasional services and special celebrations EXPLORE ways of following up on these opportunities	<i>Christmas services have been well received and numbers are increasing each year</i> No specific new actions
<i>Making a Difference in the World</i>	<i>Engage</i>
CONTINUE to connect with the community through the use of St. Mary's Church and Centre, and St. Mary's Churchyard CONSIDER ways to extend this, e.g. through concerts or organ recitals	<i>Open afternoons, school visits, Christmas Fayre etc. continue</i> No specific new actions <i>Members continue to be strongly involved in Parish initiatives</i>

C.T.W. Mission Action Plan 2015

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PRIORITY	ACTION / TIMING
<i>Sustaining the Sacred Centre</i>	
CONTINUE to nurture personal discipleship through bible study and prayer, both individually and in groups. CONTINUE to develop our corporate prayer life by attendance at Prayer meetings PROVIDE space for prayer ministry by converting existing kitchen into prayer room	<i>Continued bible studies with prayer</i> <i>Weekly Morning Prayer initiated as part of Parish prayer cycle</i> <i>Has been done, very successful and is used regularly</i>
<i>Shaping Confident Collaborative Leadership</i>	
CONTINUE to develop lay leadership through various courses and practical support CONTINUE to encourage individuals to exercise leadership in new ways and identify others who might be called to leadership roles	<i>Members have attended Deanery courses on Preaching, Welcoming, Intercessions and Pastoral Care. They have continued to exercise these roles significantly in the church</i> <i>Two attended LYCIG course with vicar</i>
<i>Creating Vibrant Christian Communities</i>	
Seek out a music leader to help provide vibrant Christian praise and worship, with a view to establishing a gospel choir CONTINUE to engage with Christians of other denominations and especially the independent church group that uses CTW for services CONTINUE to engage with Parish-based teaching, preaching, and study courses, including on stewardship	<i>Still an area of ministry difficult to accomplish</i> <i>Accomplished via, e.g. lent course, walk of witness, oasis, Christmas unwrapped, remembrance Sunday and preaching. The church group booking has since changed</i> <i>As above</i>
<i>Making Disciples</i>	
CONTINUE to develop outreach through various social events and activities. CONTINUE to support mission beyond the parish through prayer, raising money and supporting parish-wide initiatives EXPLORE setting up a music club with intention of Christian witness and outreach, PROVIDE welcome pack for those interested in exploring worshipping at CTW	<i>Events as organised by social committee</i> <i>Val & Andy 'Glowing Light', Macmillan, Money for Night Shelter food</i> <i>To be looked at when new Team Vicar is in post</i>
<i>Making a Difference in the World</i>	
SERVE those in need, build community PROVIDE support & help organise the Harvest Celebration in Langley Memorial Park, Sept 2015.	<i>Members continue to be strongly involved in Parish initiatives, especially Harvest Celebration in 2015 & 2016</i> <i>Needles & A Yarn group supporting many charities and drawing in people from across Langley</i> <i>Night Shelter hosted in 2016 & 2017</i>

Langley Team Ministry

ST FRANCIS DISTRICT

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PRIORITY	ACTION/TIMING
<i>Sustaining the Sacred Centre</i>	<i>Prayer, worship, study, nurture</i>
<p>CONTINUE to nurture personal discipleship through bible study and prayer, both individually and in groups, for all ages</p> <p>CONTINUE to develop our corporate prayer life by encouraging attendance at Monday prayer meetings and other times of corporate prayer</p>	<p><i>Series of Bible studies in four-weekly blocks</i></p> <p><i>Library of Christian books available monthly after morning worship</i></p> <p><i>Introduction of quarterly Book Club discussions; about 7 members attending</i></p> <p><i>Monday-Saturday morning prayer meetings continue; Monday evening discontinued</i></p> <p><i>Prayer for Healing group meets monthly</i></p> <p><i>Quiet Day held for congregation</i></p>
<i>Shaping Confident Collaborative Leadership</i>	<i>Training needs, opportunities for ministry</i>
<p>CONTINUE to develop lay leadership through following local courses – identifying suitable courses for members of the congregation.</p> <p>PROVIDE opportunities and encouragement for individuals to exercise leadership in new ways</p>	<p><i>Members of the congregation have attended deanery courses on preaching, welcoming and pastoral care, and these skills have been put into practice</i></p> <p><i>Members of the congregation have taken on additional responsibilities in the areas of preaching, leading worship, welcoming and Sunday School, preparing for departure of Rev Bruce Russell</i></p>
<i>Creating Vibrant Christian Communities</i>	
<p>CONTINUE building relationships within the congregation through social events and activities</p> <p>CONTINUE to encourage participation in social events in the other Districts</p> <p>ENGAGE with Christians of other denominations within the parish, especially the groups that meet at St Francis</p> <p>ENGAGE with Parish-based teaching, preaching, and study courses, including on stewardship</p> <p>REDEVELOP the area of the men’s toilets to include new toilets and storage area in 2015.</p> <p>DRAW up a schedule for redevelopment and refurbishment of the building and grounds over the next 5 years</p>	<p><i>Regular bring-and-share lunches, and a Skittles evening</i></p> <p><i>Participation in Parish activities, including the Night Shelter</i></p> <p><i>Participation in Messy Church and Christmas Unwrapped at the Free Church, and WPCU service</i></p> <p><i>A member of the congregation produced the illustrated leaflet to encourage participation in Stewardship.</i></p> <p><i>Members of the DCC are in contact with builders – to be pursued</i></p> <p><i>A new churchyard cross has been erected to replace the one that fell in a storm in 2014, and a new light installed for the main pathway to the church.</i></p> <p><i>Work on other building projects awaits work on toilets to be completed</i></p>

<p>Making Disciples</p>	<p><i>Engage and witness, discipleship courses, schools work, mission</i></p>
<p>CONTINUE to provide opportunities to explore the Christian faith</p> <p>CONTINUE to develop outreach</p> <p>CONTINUE to support mission beyond the parish through prayer, raising money and supporting parish-wide initiatives</p> <p>CONTINUE relationships with our primary and secondary schools</p> <p>GET INVOLVED with delivering parish-wide Welcome Leaflet for new housing / new neighbours</p> <p>PROVIDE training in evangelism and teaching on other faiths to enable us to be more confident about our faith and more effective in communicating it</p>	<p><i>Through Bible Studies and Lent Groups</i></p> <p><i>Refresh, Mums and Tots, Not Home Alone lunches, Holiday at Home are all flourishing</i></p> <p><i>Preachers from mission organisations have been welcomed</i></p> <p><i>The vicar has taken assemblies and classes at Ryvers and Langley Grammar</i></p> <p><i>The LLM has delivered Welcome Leaflets at Waterside Grange and King's Reach housing developments</i></p> <p><i>Members of the congregation attended two sessions at Christ the Worker and visits to Mosque and Hindu Temple</i></p>
<p>Making a Difference in the World</p>	<p><i>Serve those in need, build community, challenge injustice</i></p>
<p>CONTINUE to recognise and celebrate the various ways church members are already 'making a difference', and encourage all to play their part</p> <p>CONTINUE to be a Christian 'voice' in the community, in partnership with the other churches in Langley</p> <p>CONTINUE to engage with issues of social injustice by financial and practical support</p> <p>EXPLORE new partnerships in use of the building</p> <p>SHARE in the Harvest Celebration in Langley Memorial Park, in September 2015</p> <p>CONTINUE to provide a space for local groups, commercial and voluntary, to meet and update the facilities provided over the next 5 years.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p><i>Through Around Langley Magazine, Langley Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Action Group</i></p> <p><i>Involvement with Langley Community Coffee Shop, Slough Foodbank, Night Shelter, Fairtrade stall</i></p> <p><i>Langley Stroke Group, post-natal women's group and others now meet regularly in the church</i></p> <p><i>Members of the congregation took part</i></p> <p>Ongoing</p>