

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH MISSION ACTION PLAN

Updated to align with the Five Marks of Mission April 2019

The Parish has decided that the MAPs of the three churches in the parish should reflect/align with the five marks of mission.

## The Five Marks of Mission

The Five Marks of Mission were adopted by the General Synod of the Church of England in 1996 as the basis for action plans and creative mission ideas. They are:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The five marks are sometimes abbreviated to five words: 'TELL - TEACH - TEND TRANSFORM – TREASURE' as an easier way to remember them

## Process

Our initial workshop and discussions were grouped under 4 priority goals:

1. Worship, prayer, and spiritual life.
2. Outreach, community engagement, and concern for others.
3. Broaden our welcome to those of all ages.
4. Communication

The output from these sessions has now been aligned with the five marks of mission.

## OUR MISSION ACTION PLAN

Our **mission** statement (our purpose/reason to be here):

- To be open to God and open to one another

Our **vision** statement: (how we would like to be described):

- All Saints' Church provides a welcoming and inspiring environment for Christian worship and learning.
- We strive to be inclusive, tolerant, caring, and supportive – both within the church and the wider community.
- We aim to use our Christian faith, talents, and commitment to shine the light of the risen Christ into the world around us and draw near the mystery and wonder of God in all that

**Actions we wish to pursue grouped under the five marks of mission**

<p><b>1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (TELL)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a welcome pack for those new to the area, and new to the church community (e.g. baptism families, wedding couples, those who come at Easter / Advent / Harvest).</li> <li>• Use our notice boards more effectively to communicate future events, services and activities (both in church and outside).</li> <li>• Revise the All Saints website to make it more attractive and user-friendly.</li> <li>• Make sermon texts available on-line.</li> <li>• Improve our use of social media - particularly thinking of Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.</li> <li>• Work with the team of sides people to think about our corporate welcome and make the sides people more easily visible.</li> <li>• Put on social events – for those of all ages-inviting the wider congregation (e.g. Summer BBQ).</li> <li>• Continue to support our choir and musical tradition to both enhance worship and attract people to our church.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2) To teach, baptise and nurture new believers (TEACH)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the possibility of running a series of faith-sharing talks, possibly in a <i>Desert Island Discs</i> format.</li> <li>• Run a pilot theological discussion group (including a Lent course separate to the parish Lent course), exploring what we believe as Anglicans.</li> <li>• Institute periodically, times of silence at the ten o'clock Mass.</li> <li>• Increase the involvement and younger appeal for our third Sundays (All Age worship).</li> </ul>
<p><b>3) To respond to human need by loving service (TEND)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine our ministry and engagement with older people now the Active Retired programme has ended.</li> <li>• Offer All Saints as a venue for monthly coffee mornings run by local community groups and charities.</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of hosting community lunches (N.B. A rota of Vineyard lunches already exists).</li> </ul>
<p><b>4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (TRANSFORM)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue with supporting charities such as Glass door and look for other opportunities/ charities/ causes where we as a congregation and a wider community can have a transformative effect on societal issues e.g. life in prisons and for prisoners; engaging the young people in our church community; looking into campaigns from e.g. Tearfund for social justice activism.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth (TREASURE)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at the key recommendations of <i>A Rocha</i> for making a difference and other initiatives arising out of the 2019 Lent talks focused on looking after God's creation and on environmental challenges.</li> <li>• Investigate the process for becoming an eco-church.</li> <li>• Carry out an environmental and diversity audit.</li> </ul>