

## **St Mary the Virgin Mortlake Mission Action Plan**

The Diocese has encouraged all its churches to produce a Mission Action Plan setting out its strategy for growth in numbers and spiritual depth.

St Mary's MAP is underpinned by our conviction that the God we worship is a God who is always reaching out in love towards his world and who wants all people to know that love and welcome. We encounter that love revealed in history through the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and in our own lives through the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit present in the church and in the world.

In our MAP we seek to identify areas where the Spirit of God is at work and to join in with God's mission in our local community.

In 2018 we decided to renew our MAP from scratch. We undertook a congregational consultation process and had a Consultative Group Away Day to consider the results and as requested by the Diocese, to relate them to the 5 Marks of Mission:-

- 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'

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

Open doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds

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

A growing, lively 'buzzing' community, attractive to newcomers, where the love of God is expressed in tangible ways and overflows into our local area. Where our neighbours increasingly see St Mary's as 'their church', the people who are there for them, even if they are not regular churchgoers.

## The MAP

### 1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (TELL)

Goal: to see five new families or individuals added to the church this year

1.	Use Harvest, Crib Service, Mothering Sunday, Easter as particular times to invite new or fringe families. Produce attractive posters, invitation cards etc.	AN EC Thomson House newsletter All
2.	Build on links between Tiddlywinks and Sunday services.	AN and Tiddlywinks team.

### 2) To teach, baptise and nurture new believers (TEACH)

Goal: To see our congregation grow in faith

1.	Pilgrim Course run in parish twice a year	AN
2.	Explore ways of including young people, especially Tower Half Hour Group in All Age Service and life of church more generally	Olivia and THH team

### 3) To respond to human need by loving service (TEND)

Goal: to show the love of God in practical action

1.	Encourage involvement in parish Glass Door Night Shelters. Publicise opportunities for volunteering.	AN, Kate W
2.	Encourage involvement in Christmas Lunch, vineyard lunches	All

**4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (TRANSFORM)**

Goal: to be a voice/focus for justice in our community

1	Involvement in plans for Brewery development including making church available for public meetings.	AN Kate W
2.	Involve Tower Half Hour Group to challenge/encourage us re issues of justice.	Olivia THH

**5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth (TREASURE)**

Goal: to take seriously our calling as stewards/guardians of God's creation.

1.	Build on the challenges coming out of the Lent Series to become an eco-church	All
2.	Church Environment Rep to set regular challenges to us as church and as individuals	Elizabeth/Matt Pass
3.	Carry out environmental audit and implement recommendations where practicable.	AN/CWs