

Mission Action Plans

Summaries from March Deanery

February 2010

MARCH

Chatteris

'To know Christ and make him known'

The Chatteris Parish Church MISSION ACTION PLAN recognises that we are already involved in mission projects both old and new. A recent example will be the start of the HOPE CAFE drop in centre for youth on Friday nights. However, in order to be strategic and visionary about our plans for the future, it was decided to reform the PCC into three working subgroups: Mission, Stewardship and Buildings. These working groups will spend time together to develop a better Biblical understanding as well as specific strategies for mission in their own area.

The working groups have met three times so far to resource themselves by reading books, attending diocesan training and exploring different models in various churches. We hope to develop a strategy for each of the different areas by the next APCM.

The focus of each of the three groups so far is as follows:

The Mission Working Group - We are aiming to develop our *welcome* in the four congregations as well as looking for new ways to pass on the baton of our faith to the next generation. Ideas include developing a Welcome Team, a monthly guest service, and encouraging each of the three congregations to develop their own witness to outsiders through teaching and example.

The Stewardship Working Group - Assessing and developing a stewardship education program for the whole church. This may include providing workshops, Biblical teaching, leaflets, and personal support.

The Buildings Working Group - Assessing and developing the physical space to be more welcoming and accomodating, fit for purpose of mission so that we can better know Christ and make him known.

Coates

Welcome more villagers into our church:

Open Church : Coffee : Candles

Come and Sing Children's Choir

Welcome cards for visitors : History of Church : Noticeboards

Christchurch

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March St John

March St Mary

Completion of major scheme to create 'Access for all'.

We have also reviewed our Pastoral Care arrangements, updated our Prayer and Care Booklet, and produced a Baptism information leaflet. We are looking at the relationship between giving and fund-raising and seeking to increase use of our Hall facilities through better publicity.

March St Peter

A faculty has been granted and major building works are under way for: Improved access in church for disabled people; Improved circulation space for greeting one another and flexible worship; Phase 2 of Roof Repairs.

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March St Wendreda

Our website is now up and running and we are looking to further develop it.

Work has begun on our new Welcome Pack and related items.

Our Outreach and Evangelism events are taking shape.

Pondersbridge

We started here: Leaflet drops; Seasonal activities; Community meals; Welcome; Back to church 100%.

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Whittlesey St Andrew

An open door, to bring in more,
Is what we have agreed.
A few they come, gaze and adore
We pray it fills a need

From Whittlesea Oz a man did come
To give us thanks and praise
For when things were dire, following the Bush Fire
Some money the Team did raise

Church Literature is now displayed in style
Rather than being left in a pile
This is a benefit we would mention
To both the visitor and the congregation

An Open Night though not well supported
Is not something to be aborted
Through prayer and guidance (that's the thing)
We'll try again in the Spring

An invite list has been prepared
To use for special services
Through the open door, let's bring in more
And so fulfil God's purposes.

Whittlesey St Mary

Welcome, worship and witness in Whittlesey

Opening the Church more often – offering a welcoming space for fellowship and friendship to the whole community of Whittlesey

Weekly midday prayer meeting – setting aside time together in our busy lives for quiet contemplation and feeding the spirit

Extending and enhancing our worship with new music, instruments and singers including an outdoor service for the town festival

Weekly activities for young people and greater participation. Artistic talents employed to ornament the building

Friday tea and coffee morning – providing a caring, friendly approach to those who wish to make use of our building – to look, to sit or to talk

Planning for the future – looking at the possibility of major alterations to the fabric of the building for the provision of kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Wimblington