

# Mission Action Plans

## Summaries from North Stowe Deanery

February 2010

### NORTH STOWE

#### Bar Hill

#### Conington

Community Picnic held with games and music at Red Hill  
Church Pantomime ('Robin of Red Hill') in production

#### Cottenham

A Pastoral Visiting Team has been established.

The PCC now meets every month, and alternates between a business meeting and a meeting to pray for the needs of the Parish. The whole congregation are invited to the meetings of prayer.

For a trial period we have made our monthly All Age Service non-Eucharistic, and are seeking feedback from the congregation.

#### Fen Drayton

New Harvest Festival Service for Pre-School and revision of Harvest Festival Service times with Harvest Tea following on from Main Festival Service  
New ideas for Christmas events to reach a wider community

#### Girton

1. Girton Festival of History
  - i. Took place on the first weekend of July.
  - ii. Individuals and organisations from different parts of the village took part.
  - iii. Several hundred visitors came to the Church during the weekend.
2. New Doors for the Church
  - i. Installed in July.
  - ii. A great improvement to the access and welcome for the Church.
3. Greater involvement with Youth in the Village
  - i. Represented on a new steering committee for the Girton Youth Worker Project.
  - ii. More work is needed in this area.
4. A new pattern of evening services
  - i. Experimental changes took place in the first half of the year.
  - ii. Some success, but no great increase in numbers.
  - iii. Further exploration of this area is ongoing.

#### Histon

Vulnerable Elderly Visiting Team launched in Summer 2009 (for non-church, housebound elderly)

Launched the St Andrew's Centre (STAC) project in October 2009 aiming to raise £1.6 million. (£200,000 pledged personally by PCC members has kick started the appeal)

Vicar, staff and PCC members have attended CPAS Growing Leaders training event with aim of delivering the course from September 2010, to develop lay leadership.

### **Impington**

PCC is studying the potential for launching a Fresh Expression for older people making use of resources from Church Army and others and visiting an existing project.

Replacement of church noticeboard as a key mission objective is progressing with negotiations with council conservation officer for a sensible result.

Developed scheme for offering lifts to church for less mobile members of congregation (Summer 2009).

### **Landbeach**

### **Lolworth**

Church model competition sponsored in Village Show

New Christmas Social Evening for Young People and Families

New Family Worship being planned

### **Longstanton**

"To bring light of Christ to the people of Longstanton."

We are in the process of (possibly) linking the parishes of Over, Willingham and Longstanton and this will, inevitably, involve a process of adapting to new structures.

We wish to develop our ministry to families via:

Mini-Jaffas

JAFFA Club

Messy Church

Under the leadership of our Parish Evangelist, Susan Meah.

We wish to make progress in our plans to provide an extension to the church which will give us toilet facilities, kitchen and space for small groups. Even a modest extension will cost in excess of £250,000 so this is a challenge of faith which we are undertaking.

### **Madingley**

### **Milton**

### **Oakington**

*New Church Hall*

God sent us £327,000 for this project ... For use of church and village.

*Alpha*: 4 attended the 'Life worth Living' course in Kent. 6 members attended the Alpha International Conference prior to the evening Alpha in the church on 16 September 2009. 30 to 40 on the current Alpha Course.

*King's Club*: Now expanded to 3 groups, Infants, Juniors and Lower Secondary. A Personal relationship with Jesus is the aim, baptism the declaration of that aim.

*Kids Aflame:* A new children centred, family oriented service at 10.15am on the second Sunday of each month.

*Little Steps:* A monthly pre-school group that introduces Christian songs, stories and other fun based activities to non church going families.

*Soiree and Concert:* Social outreaches to the whole village very well attended.

*Healing Service:* Monthly Healing Service – powerful evenings in God’s presence: many letters of testimony. Physical, Mental and emotional healings.

*Overseas Missions:* Weekly Prayer meeting in house. £86,000 sent in the last year to Uganda for the school, salaries and missionary family. £7,000 shared between Tanzania to build a vicarage and train Ordinands. Vietnam to support the missionary in H.C.M. City. Chad to support missionary work. WEC Literature sent worldwide.

## **Over**

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We wish to develop our ‘Sunday Jaffa’ programme for children aged 3-10. When everyone attends we have a great time – unfortunately, attendance tends to be rather spasmodic with some families.

We have also relaunched our mid-week ‘Mini-Jaffa’ group and numbers have been encouraging. We now need to consider ways of engaging parents more in the Christian story. We wish to make more contact with men. Our recent ‘Lyfe for Men’ meeting went well and we now need to look at ways of building on this.

## **Rampton**

To build relationships within the congregation, and to better welcome newcomers, we now serve coffee after our ‘Church Lite’ (family) services twice a month.

The PCC has begun a pattern of alternating a business meeting on month with a meeting to pray for the needs of the parish the next month.

## **Swavesey**

‘Sunday Sanctuary’ Service shared with Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey

Joining with other village groups in running ‘Compass Café’ at Bethel Baptist Church

Development of Lady Chapel to increase versatility as a worship/meeting space

Develop focus on families through Baby And Toddler Service (BATS), Activity Mornings and Sunday School leader training

Survey of parishioners to inform Church Development Plan

## **Waterbeach**

### **Willingham**

Seeking a minister for the Parish

Supporting an Alpha Course as part of a Churches Together Initiative

Developing translations of the church visitor guide in languages including French, German, Spanish and Italian