

# Mission Action Plans

## Summaries from Wisbech Lynn Marshland Deanery

February 2010

### WISBECH LYNN MARSHLAND

#### Clenchwarton

#### Elm

#### Emneth

#### Friday with Coldham

Supporting a child from Venezuela  
Sunday School  
St Nicholas Toy Service  
Regular Charity Lunch  
Contacting Coldham  
Crib Service

#### Gorefield

#### Leverington

#### Newton in the Isle

#### Outwell

Parish Prayer Chain started on Shrove Tuesday to pray specifically for MAP projects and matters arising therefrom.

Alternate PCC meetings now focus exclusively on MAP

Heritage Day in early Summer encouraged participation from non-church goers.

Actively working on fund-raising events to raise profile of St Clement's

#### Southea

#### Terrington St Clement

#### Terrington St John

#### Thorney

#### Tilney All Saints

1 This year's holiday club, the first for many years, took place at the Vicarage in July. It was a huge success and 12 children enjoyed many activities, all focusing on Noah and his

Ark. On the final day we were joined by the parents who joined in the fun. It is hope that this will be an annual event.

2 A village day, fronted by the local History Group, ended with a special service in the church. People came from near and far, around two hundred in all, and a book on the history of the village was launched. Hymns sung throughout the service covered each century the church has been built.

3 Work will be starting on the 11 October 2009 for the rewiring of the church. This will enable us to install a heating system which will ease the discomfort of the winter period. It has been needed for a very long time. Future plans for a kitchen and toilet facilities will have to wait until our funds have been replenished.

### **Tilney St Lawrence**

### **Tydd St Giles**

### **Upwell St Peter**

Sent out 1,000 invitations (1 to each house in the village) for our own 'Back to Church Sunday' on 20th September

Reviewed style of Family Worship service and amended it to reflect more 'family friendly' style 'Family Service' now to be styled 'Open Worship'

Resolved to work more closely with our sister Parish of St Clement, Outwell on worship and Bible study

Adopted the Parish Prayer Chain begun on Shrove Tuesday 2009

### **Walpole**

### **Walsoken**

Congregational Questionnaire produced in April 2009. A total of 12 questions in all providing both quantitative and qualitative information for consideration by the PCC to help with future Mission Action Planning.

Our Sunday morning TASK club started in January 2009. Approximately 12 children attend on a regular basis with 8 adult helpers working in 4 teams of two.

Baptism follow-up: a work in progress

We have now 'recruited' some lay people to visit baptism couples a week or so after the Christening has taken place. This will be a friendly social visit to build bridges, strengthen our contact with the couple and receive feedback about our church, its welcome and the baptism service itself. The visitors will take with them the baptism certificate and also one of the new Parish Welcome Pack.

Welcome Pack produced September 2009. A 16 page colour booklet containing information about the church and local community. To be given to new people moving into the parish.

### **West Lynn**

### **West Walton**

### **Wiggenhall St Germans**

Increasing our contact with Mother and Toddler and Pre-school groups have led to us running a 'Messy Church', complete with teddy bear and picnic, with more planned for the future.

Our outreach to the community took a different direction and changed from a barbeque to providing a tea party for the over 60s Club.

A member of the PCC has this year completed the Lay Pioneer Ministry course. Along with another member from the benefice we are exploring starting a Fresh Expression of Church.

### **Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen**

Following the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Magdalen in January 2009 as part of the Ely 900 celebrations, it gave us new hope to do more in and with the Church Building and we plan to hold at least two concerts a year to bring people into the building.

After spending £255,000 on restoration work on the building and taking over a year to do it, we plan to have a big celebration to thank God for sending the money and the craftsmen to be able to do the work on His House. For a village of 760 people it has not been easy but with God's help we know that from past experience Our God is with us in all things.

We plan in 2010 to hold a Scarecrow Festival in the Church and grounds and Village this will bring more people into the building and involve the village and create a good fellowship over the weekend.

We plan to continue to hold our annual Pet Service to bring in new people to a church service. We also hope to make progress with our plans for fundraising for a lavatory and kitchen to make the building more user friendly. But above all we want to give thanks to God for his goodness to us and tell everyone about Him.

### **Wisbech St Augustine**

### **Wisbech St Mary with Guyhirn**

### **Wisbech St Peter and St Paul**

Objective 1 Improve Communication

- a) New computer system installed in Church Office
- b) Monthly newsletter now issued to congregation and visitors

Objective 2 Establish more links with younger families in the parish

- Youth and Community Committee formed