

Mission Action Plans

Summaries from Yaxley Deanery

February 2010

YAXLEY

Alwalton

Our Mission Action Plan focussed mainly on work with children and the church. In October we held an open morning for parents to come to the Whizz Kids and Pathfinder groups to see the sorts of things their children do in the groups.

After the service, the congregation went over to the village hall to join the children for refreshments.

At the end of services when children have been in their groups and they come back to the church building, some of them report back on what they have been doing.

In December, we will hold a Christingle service in the local primary School, to develop links with the school.

Chesterton

Project: The connection of mains water supply and installation of internal kitchen and toilet facilities. Project Name "Michaels"

Sub Committee of PCC appointed

12 March 2009 – Site visit of DAC

27 May 2009 – Architect appointed to draw up plans

22 September 2009 – Pre-faculty consultation with English Heritage for Churches form completed

2 October 2009 – Plans to be discussed at DAC meeting.

Project – ongoing.

Elton W Stibbington and Water Newton

In the united benefice of Elton, Stibbington and Water Newton, we have held church services with the school and local community – Mothering Sunday and May Day, parents are invited to school communions and everyone to the end of term service.

Over the summer holiday period we held joint services with Alwalton and Chesterton.

We have not yet followed up on inviting families who had children baptised over the last twelve months, this is still outstanding at present.

Farcet

Fletton

- Work achieved on making the church building more secure – commissioning of metal porch gates, and replacement and protection of north aisle windows. Steps taken to improve and make the churchyard environs safer – through improving visibility at ground level, using the building more, commissioning replacement noticeboard, and exploring provision of enhanced lighting.
- Strong and ongoing link formed with St Theresa's in Peterborough to gather donations from the congregation of supplies required by them for use in their work with the needy of the city.

Folksworth

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Glatton

Contact with families at Easter Special

Young members from Sawtry and Glatton attended Yaxley Deanery BBQ

Extract from Parish magazine:

Dear Readers,

Our magazine this month is a special one concentrating on the Parish of Glatton and its Church of St Nicholas.

The Parochial Church Council decided that a copy of Church News should go into every house in the village, so don't be surprised if you have received it!

There is lots going on in the village:

- A special Family Service in Church on 7 June at 10.30am
- Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust on 14 June at 2.00pm
- Church Fete at Glatton Hall on 27 June at 2.00pm
- Glatton Open Gardens on July 18 from 2.00-5.00pm

Your Rector and friend

Malcolm Griffiths.

Haddon

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Hampton

Holme with Conington

Welcome pack for new parishioners well advanced, co-ordinator agreed, and volunteers identified to distribute packs to both villages

Light Party for Primary age children being held on October 31st

Primary school involvement in Sunday services commenced and lunch time “Christian Explorers Club” at primary school led by church members due to start in November at the suggestion of the Head Teacher

Advent home group expected to be established

Meeting scheduled for Saturday 14 November to draft a revised Mission Action Plan for 2010.

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Orton Goldhay

1. Follow up Baptism & Thanksgiving Services:

We now have two church parents who are ‘looking after’ the most recently baptised children. These children are part of our youngest group in Sunday School (God’s Bods) and will be specially invited with their families to the Christingle service next month.

2. Follow up Bereaved, especially individuals, after funerals:

An annual Bereavement service is held in early November to which every bereaved family with whom we have had contact has been invited personally. Particularly appreciated is the opportunity to go forward and light a candle in remembrance, when a loved one’s name is read out.

The Minister and Lay Reader have carried out initial visits to bereaved people, and other members of the congregation have helped afterwards where appropriate. There is a need to recruit and train more people for this work. Space is now available at our monthly Lunch Club, so newly bereaved people can once again be welcomed into that group.

3. ‘Social’ Events (with special reference to the people who use the building during the week but never on Sunday):

a) A number of **Christmas events** are planned involving community groups and local schools

- b) The recent **Harvest Hog Roast** was an opportunity to invite both friends and family from the community along to church to celebrate God's goodness to us.
- c) **Lunch Club** continues to meet monthly, offering a social event for older people in the community and the opportunity to stay on for Holy Communion afterwards.
- 4. Children's Work:
 - a) All the children's and young people's work, ranging from 1-20+ yrs continued.
 - b) Many of the church family were involved in running the **Easter Holiday Club** (SU 'Champion's Challenge') for primary schoolchildren, which ran in Holy Week. This culminated in a club/café style Easter Service. This was followed up by a club reunion and activity mornings during the summer holidays.
 - c) Two groups of young people went to **Christian Holiday Camps** during the summer holidays.
 - d) At the end of August, Christ Church was one of the venues for **Street Invaders** (a Peterborough wide venture) which, as well as encouraging local youngsters along to special evening meetings, also included some local community work – digging over flower beds in the nearby shopping centre, ready for local schools to replant.
A small number of teenagers, contacted during Street Invaders, have continued to meet regularly on a social basis at Christ Church. The two leaders of this new group, Vivid, hope this will be the beginning of a project where the church can provide a safe resource centre, where young people from the locality (often disadvantaged) can address some of the issues they face in their lives, both emotionally and practically.

Orton Longueville

1. The Trinity Project – Supplying the Church with a meeting room, toilet facilities, flexible space and a kitchen. Project completion dated: April 2010
2. Enquirer Courses – Currently running the 2 Course of 2009 – Christianity Explored.
3. Youth Club – plans being drawn up to begin in late 2010.

Orton Waterville

Youth Work (Parachute Drop)
 ALM now in training as LLM
 Work Completed on wheelchair ramp, door repaired
 Other work in hand.

Sawtry

Teenage 'Seekers' group had great BBQ
 Welcoming the newly baptised at All-Age service
 Outreach to the village through schools.

Stanground

Part of our MAP was to finish this project. After years of planning and fundraising, we recently obtained an interest free loan from Norfolk Historic Churches Trust. Our kitchen and toilet within the church building are now complete. We can now enjoy the use of these facilities, enabling greater use of the building together with more chance of Sunday fellowship and an opportunity to welcome new comers, including those attending the informal service to book a baptism.

ALSO,

R.E.A.C.T

Relax, Enjoy and Chill Time, The name given to our group for eleven years upwards which we began as part of our MAP. The group meet regularly every other week when our group for eight to eleven year olds are not meeting. The young people run the club together with our three dedicated and experienced leaders.

Stilton

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Woodston

- Planning at advanced stage for removal of pews from north aisle of church to create a flexible space in the building for worship, social and community use. Funding gathered for re-furnishing area with chairs and tables. Enhancement of entrance area by removing obstacles to open view into the building and investigating options for installation of glass porch doors.
- Monthly morning midweek service with time for fellowship afterwards to start in new year.
- Exploration with leadership group of shape and content for new informal Sunday evening worship.

Yaxley

Hosted the Diocesan Exhibition entitled “Celebration of Easter”

New form of fortnightly informal evening worship initiated

Two home groups established

Banners and flags being designed and sewn by members of the church to assist in multi sensory worship