

Mission Action Plan 2019 to 2022

Parish: West Wimbledon, Christ Church	Deanery: Merton	Date: 27/1/2020
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Stage 1: Review

Our Strengths “Isn’t it good that...”	We are a warm, friendly and supportive church community; we seek to be tolerant and open and inclusive; the church building is distinctive and beautiful; we have a good relationship with our young people; we have an excellent quarterly magazine; our music and ‘middle of the road’ liturgy are of a good standard.
Our Weaknesses “Isn’t it a pity that...”	We don’t do more outreach and we don’t do much beyond Sundays - yet Sundays are already so full in the lives of many and church activities, especially on Sundays, face strong competition; our parent and toddler group (Bruno Bear) has closed through lack of leadership; we haven’t recruited more younger choir members; we haven’t enlarged our musical repertoire; we haven’t embraced modern technology; the church entrance welcome area is cluttered and confusing; the PCC doesn’t always communicate effectively with the congregation; we don’t make full use of lay expertise; we don’t do much to deepen our spirituality;
Our Opportunities “Wouldn’t it be good if ...”	We could get the hall fully refurbished; we could improve our publicity and communications by creating and developing a new website, together with embracing new social media; we could get to know each other better; we could create and enjoy a more varied music offering; we could work to build a stronger relationship with the parish.
Our Values What influences and shapes who we are	Since 1859 we have been proudly ‘central’ in our churchmanship. We strive to be an inclusive, liberal church where all are welcome without exception. We are conscious that about two-thirds of our congregation live outside the parish.
Last MAP Actions not completed (pre 2017)	Hall building plans collapsed around which much of our future plans were centred including a new parish office and better welcome area; film club; monthly sermon discussion forum; undertaking an audit of time and talents within the congregation.
Last MAP actions completed (updated January 2020)	New exterior signage and banners; new small groups created; new bereavement support service founded; parish social events more family friendly. During 2019: Hall completely refurbished; parish office created; congregation questionnaire completed; 160th anniversary celebrated; major stewardship campaign completed; Resolve course run; new small group formed; bereavement service flourishing at two venues; eco-church group established; back garden project started; planning begun for new toddler group; all social events family friendly.

Stage 2: Choose

Our Mission Statement Our core purpose	<u>SHARING GOD’S LOVE</u> by Walking in faith together; Welcoming strangers and friends; Working for our community.
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Our Vision Statement How we want to be described 5 years from now	A growing church with a strong faith base which is both engaged with and working for the local community.
Our Priority Mission Areas A maximum of 3 for this next season	<p>1. Getting to know and engaging with the congregation better. Improving our communications, particularly a new website. Improving our stewardship of time, talents and money.</p> <p>2. Improve the church welcome area. Work to attain the bronze eco-church award. Improving the grounds of the church.</p> <p>3. Continuing and developing our outreach into the community and build a stronger relationship with the parish. Continuing to welcome seasonal attendees. Family friendly social events.</p>

Stage 3: Action Goals for each Priority Area (see SMART template for more detailed Action Plan for each goal)

1	Priority Area One	Who by	When by
a	To recruit 2 new Churchwardens. Re-assess the workload and share tasks amongst a wider group	Michael + PCC	April 2020
b	Planning for a further stewardship campaign renewal campaign	Finance Cttee	May 2021
c	Start talking to web designers and get costs	Tish; Naomi;	Work ongoing
2	Priority Area Two	Who	When
a	Working towards bronze eco-church award	Lucy and Ian Christie + team	Ongoing 2020
b	View and assess the church interior and create ideas and plans for improvements to the welcome area and kitchen	Michael; Julie; Nick + others?	No progress
c	Developing and planting the new back garden to be welcoming	Karen Chinn + team	Spring 2020
3	Priority Area Three	Who	When
a	Planning to sponsor and welcome a Syrian family	Chris Larkman + team	Work ongoing
b	Continuing to circulate leaflets to the parish at Christmas and Easter	The whole congregation	Twice annually
c	Restarting the Christ Church toddler group	Mair Rabagliati + team	January 2020

Time line for MAP: From (date PCC agreed) **January 2020 to January 2022**

When will your MAP be reviewed? **January 2021**