

## **2017 Mission Action Plan**

### **The DCC Statement on Worship**

The congregation of Furzebank Worship Centre continues to explore and experiment with different styles of worship while retaining the core principles of openness and accessibility for enquirers and new Christians.

We recognise that we have an equal duty to provide some stability for those who need it and to meet the needs of those who have been Christians for longer and who may need new challenges or extra nourishment. We also recognise the need to make good provision for children.

We recognise that there is no one “right way” of worship; we accept variety; we will not always do things the same way.

While maintaining the ethos stated in the Furzebank DCC statement on worship we commit to ensuring that the worship is prayerful, relevant and accessible. We will review our worship quarterly.

We recognise the need to make substantial donations to charitable causes and will consult the congregation annually to determine which causes to support.

We commit to maintaining ICT equipment and keeping our technology as up to date as possible.

Our Mission action plan will be reviewed annually, with a major review every three years, in full consultation with our congregation. This resulted in the following Mission Action Plan.

We recognise that the development of the MAP is ongoing and that targets may be modified (or dropped), in the light of experience, and new targets may be generated.

# 2017 MAP Targets

## Sunday Services

- ❖ We will explore the greater use of interactive sermon slots in order to further engage the congregation in active discipleship.
- ❖ We will explore ways of making Praise Services more all-age friendly, including the sermons, particularly during school holidays when we are unable to run our Sunday School.

## Midweek

- ❖ **Messy Church** – We will continue to seek ways of furthering Christian Development among those who attend. We will survey attitudes and opinions of those who attend. We will review our use of “take home” materials, encourage use of our website and explore the effective use of materials posted on the website.
- ❖ **Study Groups** - We will increase the opportunity to attend midweek study groups, either at the Worship Centre or as House Groups, according to demand.

## Pastoral

- ❖ We will continue to develop the pastoral group, paying particular attention to:
  - Discreetly identifying and contacting absentees, visiting where required
  - Providing Holy Communion to those unable to attend church, including the local residential homes.

## Outreach

- ❖ As a church meeting in a school we will continue to seek opportunities to work with local schools via assemblies and at Rosedale, by establishing Pray, Bake, Read
- ❖ We will explore ways of meeting and supporting people in our catchment, particularly at significant times in their lives, i.e. Weddings, Baptisms, Bereavement. (There may be training implications for this).
- ❖ We will additionally explore ways of engaging young people
- ❖ We will make use of Social Media to add to our web presence and promote the church and its activities

## Social

- ❖ We will maintain our currently successful social events.

## The Benefice

- ❖ We will continue to work with our partner churches in the benefice as expressed in the new covenant