



FURZEBANK WORSHIP CENTRE

Serving our community

The Church at Rosedale School

MISSION ACTION PLAN 2018 – 2021

The overall vision of our M.A.P.:

‘WITH GOD’S HELP, TO GROW OUR CHURCH’

- in numbers
- in spiritual commitment
- in service to the wider community

In order to do this, we will focus on three main priorities:

[1] RAISE THE PROFILE OF THE CHURCH IN THE WIDER COMMUNITY SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHO WE ARE, WHERE WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO
DIOCESAN PRIORITY FOCUS – ‘EVANGELISM’

- (a) Evaluate the current advertising of our services and activities and improve where necessary:
- monitoring the effectiveness of our notice boards, church web-site, Facebook page, advertising through the schools, church logo etc. **on-going**
 - re-emphasising that we are ‘The Church at Rosedale School’ **on-going**
 - establishing a consistent church presence at key school events e.g. summer fayre, new intake evening **on-going**
 - targeted distribution of leaflets advertising who we are and what we **on-going**
 - posting aspects of our services on social media so that people can have a better understanding of what takes place **on-going**
 - exploring other ways of raising our profile **on-going**
 - conducting a survey with people in our local community concerning awareness of our profile and presence within the district **2020**

- (b) Organise more events which will raise our profile in the community and bring more people into the Worship Centre. This will include, but is not limited by:
- establish a more consistent approach for our charitable giving and fundraising events **2019**
 - continue to organise charitable fundraising events e.g. coffee afternoons **on-going**
 - maintaining the Bereavement Help Point in partnership with St. Giles' Hospice and Short Heath Federation **on-going**
 - develop our outreach to Winehala Court e.g. work with Winehala and the Short Heath Federation to create inter-generational links **2019-20**
 - exploring the possibility of the Worship Centre becoming a 'Place of Welcome' **2020**

[2] CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

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- (a) Making effective use of the Parish's new baptism policy:
- encouraging the whole congregation to play a part in creating a welcoming atmosphere for visiting baptism families (and other visitors) – particularly at the beginning of services **2019**
 - sending a baptism anniversary card to each child who is baptized at Furzebank **on-going**
 - holding a celebration service for all those who have been recently baptized at Furzebank **2020**
- (b) Continuing to develop the 5th Sunday service as a Café Church / Messy Church style service in order to reach out to children and young families **on-going**
- (c) Continuing to explore ways to provide more varied activities for our church children and young people **on-going**
- (d) Increasing our use of the main school hall on a Sunday morning in order to provide more varied and age appropriate activities for all groups **2019**
- (e) Exploring ways of delivering Messy Church to Lodge Farm School families **2019-20**

[3] BUILD UP THE CONGREGATION IN FAITH, MINISTRY AND UNDERSTANDING

DIOCESAN PRIORITY FOCUS – ‘DISCIPLESHIP’ & ‘VOCATION’

- (a) Encouraging more people to be involved in Furzebank’s ministry and mission. This will include ‘Sunday Duty Shadowing’ during Lent. and a specific Lent Study Group – ‘Talking Jesus’ **2019**
- (b) Using the Ordinary Time Season in the summer months to explore a particular theme of book of the Bible in the sermon slot with the aim of helping people grow in knowledge and understanding of the faith **2019**
- (c) Run a Course in the summer exploring the basics of the Christian faith **2019**

By the Summer of 2021, we hope to have achieved the following:

- [1] Our church community (including fresh expressions) will have as many members who are aged under 45 as those who are aged over 45
- [2] Our church community will have deepened their faith and more people will be involved in the church’s ministry and mission
- [3] We will have attempted to implement at least THREE new initiatives in which we are serving the wider community

In order to achieve all this, the D.C.C. will monitor and assess the on-going progress of the M.A.P. at each D.C.C. meeting and in January of each year, there will be an open church meeting to review the work of the previous 12 months.