



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; and working with Short Heath Junior School to help accomplish this **Summer 2020**

- (b) Organise more activities which will raise our profile in the community and bring more people into the Worship Centre. This will include, but is not limited by:
- maintaining a more consistent approach for our charitable giving and fundraising events **on-going**
  - 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 **on-going**
  - exploring the possibility of the Worship Centre becoming a 'Place of Welcome' **2020**
  - develop links with Willow Rose Care Home **2020-2021**

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

*DIOCESAN PRIORITY FOCUS – 'EVANGELISM'*

- (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 **on-going**
  - sending a baptism anniversary card to each child who is baptized at Furzebank **on-going**
- (b) Continuing to develop the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service as a Café Church / Messy Church style service in order to reach out to children and young families **on-going**
- (c) Exploring possible ways of working with Willenhall E-ACT Academy **2020-2021**

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

*DIOCESAN PRIORITY FOCUS – 'DISCIPLESHIP' & 'VOCATION'*

- (a) Working with Holy Trinity and Emmanuel during their vacancies to establish a Benefice-wide view of future patterns of worship, ministry and mission **2020**

- (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 **on-going**
- (c) Work with the national Eco Church environmental programme in order to explore our corporate and individual responses to the climate crisis in the light of our Christian faith and discipleship **2020**
- (d) Make more use of the training days and courses provided by the Diocese in order to help people grow in their discipleship and vocation **2020**

***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.***