



Parish Mission Action Plan

April 2015 - 16

This is a document which sets out our Vision for St Johns and the framework to help us grow and flourish as a church.

It recognises that we currently have limited resources and helps us to plan and prioritise the things we do to help us reach our objective :

We will grow the Church of God in Hook, promoting true and faithful discipleship in following Jesus Christ.

We will do this through the following broad objectives:

UPWARD : We will be a centre of vibrant worship through preaching, music and style.

INWARD : We will give loving support for each other to grow together as disciples of Jesus.

OUTWARD : We will seek to increase our effectiveness as the physical hands and feet of Christ in the places we are set.

What do we want to achieve (Objective 1): We will be a centre of vibrant worship through preaching, music and style.

How will we know if we have achieved it? We will witness measurable growth in our worshipping community, with particular focus on the 'missing' generations

We will see :

1. An increase in our worshipping community
2. A broadening of our worshipping community which reflects the demographics of our wider Parish community.
3. A clear focus on directing finance into the mission of Jesus.

(Winchester - SP 1, SP 2 & Deanery D1 & D2)

Active Inputs

Year 1

- A review of our traditional and contemporary services
 - We shall introduce new hymn books and children's music that reflect the outcome of this review
 - Build our Junior Choir
 - Establish an informal music band
- Relaunch Junior Church
- Establish children's play area at the back of church
- Establish Children & Family Ministry Team to co-ordinate and support all activities involving children and young families
 - Messy Church / Open the Book / Sunday School / Toddler Group / Junior Choir
 - Plus those involved in the wider community activities such as Scouts & Guides
 - Plus new initiatives such as Holiday Club / Father & Child group as they develop
- Continue to build on the success of Open the Book and Messy Church initiatives.
- Establish a new group to assist in planning and developing worship across the Benefice.

Year 2

- Implement the recommendations of the review held in Year 1
- Hold Family Services at times / locations /format other than traditional service times.
- Introduce Informal Music Band led services

Year 3

- Using Projector and Screens hold No-Book services
- Worship at times to be led by Junior Choir

Resource Implications for our Parish

The review may identify other resource implications as it progresses. Other resource implications are:

- Commitment of our congregation to support and assist these initiatives
- Cost of new hymn books and other materials to support worship [Year 1]
- Cost of Projection equipment and screens [Year 3]

What do we want to achieve (Objective 2): We will give loving support for each other to grow together as disciples of Jesus

How will we know if we have achieved it? Our worshipping community will have a deeper appreciation of church life, activities and each other. This will enable us to identify opportunities where we can assist or support each other.

We will see :

1. A stronger sense of belonging to the church family evident in church membership and service in St Johns.
2. Greater care and support for each other.
3. Better communication keeping everybody informed

(Winchester SP 2, SP 3, SP 4 & Deanery D2 & D3)

Active Inputs

Year 1

- Establish a strong Pastoral Care team to be led by MdQ
 - Choir / Living Flame / Bible Study / Lunch Club / Coffee Shop / Children & Families / Flower Arrangers / Holy Dusters / Gardeners / Housebound / Disabled / etc.
 - Strengthening and supporting our existing Pastoral Care – Care for ourselves.
- Re-establish the Communications group
 - Review existing communication forms and agree communication plan with PCC.
 - Review and enhance internal communications across our worshipping community
 - Review and enhance our communication with the wider Parish.
 - Implement Church notice boards at front and rear of church.
- Ensure that each group is represented on the PCC by a ‘Champion’
- Continue and build further Fellowship and Social events to allow us to share quality fun time together

Year 2

- Establish a network of ‘Authorised Pastoral Care Lay-Ministers’ to share in the Pastoral Ministry within the Parish.
- Continue to develop opportunities for our worshipping community to have quality fun time together
 - E.g. ‘Pimm’s and Hymns’ event / Bring & Share BBQ

Resource Implications for our Parish

As the groups are established they may identify additional resource implications. Other resource requirements are:

- Church Notice Boards – Front and Rear (facing the school) [Year 1]
- Commitment of PCC members to make sure every group has a champion.

What do we want to achieve (Objective 3): We will seek to increase our effectiveness as the physical hands and feet of Christ in the places we are set.

How will we know if we have achieved it? Our church is a place of welcome and hospitality seven days a week

We will see :

1. An increased use of the church facilities.
2. An increase in the number of opportunities that are available to serve our community
3. An increase in the number of people within our worshipping community that support activities within the wider community of Hook.

(Winchester SP 2, SP 3, SP 4 & Deanery D2 & D3)

Active Inputs

Year 1

- A review of the use of the church centre
 - Seeking to increase the opening hours, through increased activities / events
 - Making the church more accessible
- Establish a weekly Christian Toddler Group to support families in the village
- Establish a 'Tears & Tissues' Group to support Parents and Children as they start school life
- Better recognise and support those who already support activities in our community
 - School Governors / Parent Teacher Association / Scouting / Guides / etc.
- Increase support for local community events
 - Fun Run / Cracker / School Fete / etc.
- Continue and build support for the Foodbank
- Investigate becoming active within the Basingstoke Mission in North Hampshire, an initiative led by Bishop David
- Highlight to our worshipping community examples of what people are doing to serve our community [Microphone Spotlight during appropriate services]

Year 2

- Implement the recommendations of the review held in Year 1.
- Increase the number within our worshipping community that support activities in our community.
- Establish contact and commence support for another Christian charity that serves our local community

Resource Implications for our Parish

The review may identify other resource implications as it progresses. Other resource implications are:

- Increased church centre opening hours will lead to increased costs – Heating / Lighting
- Appropriate budget to provide appropriate resources for Toddler Group and 'Tears & Tissues'
- Commitment of our full congregation to support through prayer and physical assistance these initiatives

How Does St John's Fit Within the Wider Diocesan Picture?

St Johns Mission Action Plan
[pMAP]

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Deanery Mission Action Plan
[dMAP]

The achievement of growth amongst under 35's through the development of Messy Church.

The most effective use of ministry and mission resources through the reorganisation of parishes and benefices in the deanery.

The promotion of three initiatives of social transformation in each parish, including at least one local and one international.

Diocesan Strategic Priorities

We grow authentic disciples going out as individuals passionately, confidently and courageously sharing our faith, and coming together as creative church communities of prayer and worship that live out Kingdom values

We re-imagine the Church intentionally connecting and engaging with our local communities in culturally relevant ways. We will rejoice in the richness of the "mixed economy" of all ministry and proactively promote vibrant parochial and breath-taking pioneering ministries amongst 'missing' generations, E.g. children, young people, under 35s.

We are agents of social transformation using our influence as a Diocese to transform public and personal life. We will demonstrate loving faith at work in local communities and across the globe bringing healing, restoration and reconciliation, E.g. through education, social enterprise, health care, spiritual care teams.

We belong together in Christ, practising sacrificial living and good stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us. We will combine radical generosity, care and capacity building with a clear focus on directing finance into the mission of Jesus. Sharing and multiplying local good practice, using people, buildings and other resources wisely, we will seek to prune, plant and invest boldly in building for the Kingdom