

# St. Andrew's, Whitmore Reans

‘All are welcome in this place’

“Without vision, the people perish...”

*Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)*

“I came so that they could have life— yes, and have it full to overflowing...”

*John 10:10 (NTE)*



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## PCC

## Mission Action Plan

## 2019



## Our Vision Statement on our 'A Church Near You' website page:

"We are a small congregation in an inner city parish but we don't want to stay small!

We believe that God, through Jesus Christ, welcomes everyone. Here at St.Andrew's we try to do the same.

St.Matthew tells us in his Gospel that Jesus said that we should love God, and love our neighbours.

As a church community here in Whitmore Reans we attempt to live this out in our words and actions.

Like any church community some of us have a lot of faith, some of us have little. But as we journey together, through the ups and downs of life, as a church and as individuals, we live out our faith knowing Christ's love and sharing it with our community - Whitmore Reans."

Do join us!"

# evangelism

What would we like to see happening five years from now?

- ◇ Steady growth in those things expressed in Year 1 and also in young families joining the church.
- ◇ 3 people each year becoming Christians/active members of the church community and living out their faith.

# evangelism

What would we like to do in the coming year?

- ◇ Basic Christianity teaching course.
- ◇ POW! Service in school.
- ◇ Become more confident in talking about our faith & belief, and able to voice this.
- ◇ Working with our church school (St.Andrew's) to build relationships.
- ◇ As in 'Vocation' - creating a building more fit for purpose.

This Mission Action Plan will focus on the 3 areas of the Diocesan vision with regards to:

- ◆ Discipleship,
- ◆ Vocation, and
- ◆ Evangelism.

# discipleship

When thinking about what we offer or would like to offer to help people in their discipleship journey, the following questions were considered on our MAP Day:

- ◇ In what ways does it develop discipleship?
- ◇ Will it help the people involved to deepen their experience or knowledge of God?
- ◇ Does it help to do the work of connecting faith and everyday life?
- ◇ Does it encourage us to become Christ-like in some way?
- ◇ Are we prepared for the fact that there may be a cost to this (Luke 14:27)?



# evangelism

What do we do now?

- ◇ Listening
- ◇ 1-2-1 Relationship building
- ◇ POW! Service
- ◇ Communicating that all have struggles (including Jesus & the Disciples!)
- ◇ 'People know I attend church' - being willing to talk about faith.
- ◇ Conversations on the bus and at work.

# evangelism

As we thought about the ways in which we may be able to share the Good News of God's love in the community, the follow questions were considered on our MAP Day:

- ◇ In what ways will it inspire evangelism?
- ◇ Will it give people confidence and opportunity to tell the Jesus story as they know it?
- ◇ Will it tell others directly about Christian faith and invite them to make a response?
- ◇ Will it be a clear expression of God's love for individuals and communities?
- ◇ Will it bring you into contact with people who are not like you (ethnicity, education, income, etc)?



# discipleship

What do we do now?

- ◇ The groups in church:  
2 churches use our building: Faith Church & the Lighthouse Church; English classes, drinks, Avion Club, Afro-Caribbean group, Table tennis, carers and toddlers, Andy's Café.
- ◇ Discipleship—personal and church.
- ◇ Living by example.

# discipleship

What would we like to offer in the coming year?

- ◇ A more Christian focus.
- ◇ Enhance our welcome.
- ◇ Open social events— e.g. film nights, bonfire night.
- ◇ Encouraging young people and families in to church (inc. School attendance).
- ◇ A 'Basic Christianity' course over a number of weeks.
- ◇ Encouraging Baptism families to continue to come to church.
- ◇ Pensioners events.

# vocation

What would we like to see happening five years from now?

- ◇ Continued modernisation of the church building.
- ◇ Overseas mission connections.
- ◇ A thriving and diverse congregation... upheld and supported by each other.

# vocation

What would we like to do in the coming year?

- ◇ Realistic vocational tasks.
- ◇ Role descriptions to see what we might consider/take on.
- ◇ Taster sessions—talking through roles or working alongside or ‘under the wings of...’
- ◇ Modernisation of the Church Building.

# discipleship

What would we like to see happening 5 years from now?

- ◇ ‘A packed, vibrant church full of fellowship, love and charity.’
- ◇ ‘More people in church.’
- ◇ 3 people each year becoming Christians/active members of the church community and living out their faith.

# vocation

When thinking about what we offer to help people think about their calling or response to God's love for them, the following questions were considered on our MAP Day:

- ◇ In what ways does it encourage vocation?
- ◇ Will it help people to understand that God calls them?
- ◇ Will it offer ways for them to identify their specific vocation?
- ◇ Will it clearly honour and support all types of calling whether in the workplace, home or church?
- ◇ Does it provide space for a process of discernment?



# vocation

What do we do now?

- ◇ Doing what we are comfortable with.
- ◇ Vocations allied to talents (eg. Reading, intercessions, flowers, Sunday school).
- ◇ Doing what we are good at.
- ◇ It's about challenging people, how we challenge & how we are challenged.
- ◇ Being encouraging.