Reimagining Mission:

A Parish Guide for the Diocese of Canterbury



Introduction

We're inviting every parish to develop a Mission Action Plan (MAP) that reflects local context, gifts, and opportunities. This guide offers practical pathways for parishes to think creatively about mission—especially in multi-church benefices, rural settings, and communities with schools or seasonal rhythms.

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1. 🤝 Partnering with Schools for Missional Impact

Why it matters: Schools are vibrant hubs of community life. Partnering with them can deepen relationships, offer pastoral support, and introduce faith in accessible ways.

Ideas for action:

- **Chaplaincy-style presence:** Appoint lay or ordained volunteers to regularly visit schools, offering pastoral care and spiritual support to children, families and staff.
- **Shared events:** Host seasonal services (Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Remembrance) in school halls or churches, co-designed with pupils and staff.
- **Faith & values curriculum support:** Offer input on RE lessons, assemblies, or themed weeks (e.g. "Hope," "Justice," "Forgiveness").
- **Prayer spaces:** Create interactive prayer stations in schools during Lent or Advent.
- **Youth-led worship:** Invite pupils to co-lead occasional Sunday services or Messy Church-style gatherings.