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Parish of Radlett « Mission Action Plan »

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Parish

Radlett

Benefice

Aldenham, Radlett and Shenley Team Ministry

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St Albans

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St Albans

MAP Dates

This MAP was uploaded to the website on

18th March 2023

Our MAP will be reviewed next

1st November 2024

Progress

What progress are you celebrating since your previous MAP?

- The establishment of 'Reconnection', a weekly online Bible study and prayer group
- Outreach into the community, especially at Christmas: singing carols at a local care home, providing lunches, and offering large services including carols with Churches Together and Christmas Eve Family Services
- During Covid the preparation and distribution of an 'armchair leaflet' as a spiritual resource for the congregation
- Greater unity amongst the various congregations and both churches
- Response to Black Lives Matter: forming a Diversity, Inclusion, Cohesion, and Engagement (DICE) group; delivering a Reconnection BBQ with participation across the team of churches
- All Together Worship and Collective Worship in schools: engaging children and families
- Music: hymn and worship song choices relevant to the theme or season of the liturgy

How far did you meet your previous priorities?

(1 star = Not at all → 10 stars = Done)

5 stars

Where has there been less progress than hoped for?

- There was no conversion of attendees at Messy Church / Café to church attendance
- We were not able to appoint a children/youth worker
- Covid has negatively impacted the number of attendees at church
- There have been significant challenges presented by a former member of the congregation, including complaints, investigations, and a legal challenge which has occupied significant amounts of time and caused other members of the church to withdraw

Vision

What is the vision for your Church, Parish, Team Ministry or Benefice?

Our vision is to see

flourishing, Christ-centred worship in

a growing Church of all ages

which welcomes and transforms our community

as we journey deeper into the love of God together.

In practice this means:

- re-energising an engaging ministry of prayer
- gathering as one body in fellowship
- being loving, welcoming, and responsive to new people
- nurturing our ministry amongst children, families, and young people

- developing effective outreach and evangelism programmes
- reaching out and caring for all age groups
- growing as a centre of spiritual wellbeing in the community

Our new 'tagline:'

Christ at the heart of community

Values

What are the core values for your Church, Parish, Team Ministry or Benefice?

Our values include being:

- Christ-centred
- loving
- forgiving
- nurturing
- welcoming
- generous
- outward-looking
- involved

1st Priority

What is your 1st Priority to make your vision a reality?

Ministry amongst children and families

Which of the 3 strands of Living God's Love does your 1st Priority most focus on?

Making New Disciples

SMART Goal to achieve your 1st Priority

- On Sundays: include children in worship, for example in readings and prayers of intercession; explore a youth choir and/or Sunday School activities

SMART Goal 2 to achieve your 1st Priority

- Develop sessions outside the church environment for children and families, eg after church and / or on different days

SMART Goal 3 to achieve your 1st Priority

- Re-establish the distribution of resources for families and young people, such as Roots

Plus:

- The Vicar will attend the diocesan course 'Launchpad' – <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/yac/training-and-events/> – a programme for clergy to receive specialist support in developing youth engagement in their parish or benefice

Additionally we would like to begin preparations for a three-day 2023 summer event for children and families.

2nd Priority

What 2nd Priority are you working on to make your vision a reality?

Deepening discipleship

Which of the 3 strands of Living God's Love does your 2nd Priority most focus on?

Going deeper into God

SMART Goal to achieve your 2nd Priority

- Increase biblical literacy

SMART Goal 2 to achieve your 2nd Priority

- Invite the other churches in the team to develop with us a discipleship course, potentially to run through Lent, Advent, or into the summer months, with the aim of deepening existing faith and making new disciples by invitation and fellowship together

SMART Goal 3 to achieve your 2nd Priority

- Re-establish a network / programme of home Bible study and fellowship groups in the parish and wider community

3rd Priority

What 3rd Priority are you working on to make your vision a reality?

Ministry amongst the elderly

Which of the 3 strands of Living God's Love does your 3rd Priority most focus on?

Transforming Communities

SMART Goal to achieve your 3rd Priority

- Increase ministry within care homes and encourage lay involvement where appropriate

SMART Goal 2 to achieve your 3rd Priority

- Develop a Shepherding scheme or similar to engage better with the elderly, both within and currently outside of the church community, ideally with intergenerational links and fellowship opportunities such as coffee mornings, for example

SMART Goal 3 to achieve your 3rd Priority

- Ensure the All Together worship and fellowship opportunities are truly multi-generational and fully accessible