

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CROXLEY GREEN



MISSION ACTION PLAN 2022-2024

Our Vision

To be a welcoming church that is valued for being inclusive and vibrant,
engaging with people of all ages,
and radiating the love of God
both within and beyond the church building.

To be a place where people feel inspired and supported
as they explore and deepen
their understanding of God on their journey of faith.

Dear Friends

It is a joy to be able to present to you our
Mission Action Plan (MAP) for 2022-2023

At a series of open PCC meetings over the last 6 months we have been exploring together ways in which we believe God is calling us to develop the mission of our church especially in relation to supporting our journey of faith and church growth along with greater engagement with the local community.

Archbishop Rowan Williams once said that

“Mission is finding out what God is doing and joining in”

We have used these wise words as a basis for developing our MAP. We have identified four priorities based on where we see God at work currently in our church. I hope that you too can see where God is already at work in the priorities we have identified and that you too will be willing to join in as we work together to fulfil God’s purpose for our church. Please feel free to chat with me about any aspect of this MAP, especially if you feel that God is calling you to a specific role within the life of the church or our local community.

With love and prayers

Revd Miriam

MAP Priority 1

Transforming Communities

To build on the good reputation and expand the ministry of our Friday morning drop in cafe through continued invitations using social media, personal invitation, internal and external communications etc.

To be more confident and open in the way we talk about our faith and church life with those who attend and in extending invitations to church events/services.

How we will achieve this

Build up relationships with those who attend through general conversation and develop more hobby/interaction opportunities within the cafe like the current crochet and chat, jigsaw and book swap opportunities etc.

Ensure up to date information about church activities and events are available and brought to the attention of those attending. This will include the Parish Magazine flyers, vicar's weekly letter and other seasonal information and personal invites to events that may be of interest to them.

Move the Prayer Tree from the Church into the cafe and ensure labels and pens are placed on the tables where people sit with pens for them to add their own prayer request/thanksgiving/hope/desire with the assurance that these will be used in our weekly Thursday morning service.

How can you help?

- Home made cakes are very popular, can you commit to making a cake once a month?
- Are you able to help in any way with setting up, welcoming people as they come in, or washing/clearing up afterwards? It doesn't have to be for the whole morning an hour or so would be very much appreciated.
- Your prayers for all that we are doing are essential, please continue to hold the work and mission of our church in your prayers.

MAP Priority 2

Making New Disciples

We have a number of young people between the ages of 8-11 years who would value getting together for activities beyond the usual Sunday morning events.

In response to this we are planning to develop a youth group where they can meet socially as well as providing opportunities to support their spiritual growth and journey in faith. We would like to be operational by May 2022 and initially to meet monthly

How we will achieve this

To find at least two people to lead this group and ensure all safeguarding checks have been made.

To agree suitable day and time with families and, in discussion with the young people, put together a programme of activities.

To identify resources for activities and how these will be funded

How can you help?

→ Our young people enjoy chatting to adults. They have as much to teach us as we have to teach them, so do make take the opportunity when we are in church to chat with the and encourage them in all that they do at church.

→ Keep them in your prayers, children and young people face many challenges in this modern world and they really need our prayers.

→ Pray for those who will take on the leadership of the Youth Group

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MAP Priority 3

Going Deeper into God

To encourage and support people to explore and deepen their faith through informal small group conversations and engagement.

Enabling people to get to know each other better

To hold informal coffee mornings, pub meet up, and online get-togethers hosted by members of the congregation who will personally invite people to attend.

At these, initial discussions will be encouraged based on the weekly Lent Reflection prayer stations being organised in Church.

We will ensure that people new to the Church, as well as those who have been members for some time, will be included. (It is the intention that these groups will continue beyond Easter 2022 to form a basis for informal discussion groups to support people in their journeys of faith.)

How we will achieve this

Identify people willing to organise and host get-togethers during Lent and venues with dates agreed by 20th February 2022

Invitations sent out by 27th February 2022

Get-togethers start happening from 7th March 2022

How can you help?

→ Join in with the activities during Lent.

→ Pary for your own journey of faith, that you may draw closer to him

MAP Priority 4

Transforming Communities

To recognise our responsibility as stewards of God's amazing creation, and as our legacy for future generations, to act now to limit the devastating effects of global warming. By working towards achieving a bronze A Rocha Eco Church award by the end of 2022.

To explore ways to reduce our Carbon Footprint

How we will achieve this

Improve the wild area between the church hall and bus stop to encourage a broader range of wildlife including building a bug hotel. Seek congregational support to fund bird feeders and the bird feed to go into them throughout the year.

Promote Eco friendly ideas/activities through monthly articles in the Parish Magazine, focused sermons and promoting the use of #Live Lent: Caring for God's Creation booklets during Lent.

To develop our community and global engagement through developing a Harvest Market for people to sell home grown/made produce

How can you help?

- Recycle or re-use all that you can, use the additional recycling facilities at church (soft plastic, stamps, batteries)
- Buy and use the #Live Lent: Caring for God's Creation booklet available from church.
- Sponsor a bird feeder by paying for the food to keep it filled.
- Donate clothing and bric a brac (in good condition) to our Jumble Sale (in September) rather than throwing them away.
- Pray

