

Our 5 Year Plan (2018-2023)

The PCC and Ministry Team developed our Mission Action Plan over the past few months and presented it to St Mary's congregation for wider consultation in July 2018. It is being launched in September 2018.

The three areas of work that emerged are;

- ❖ Developing our **pastoral ministry** to include all ages
- ❖ Improving our provision both in and out of church for the **children, young people & families** of our village
- ❖ Developing our relationships within the church **community** and beyond.

We say we are '*St Mary's church at the heart of the community*' and we truly want to be that; sharing who God is and his love with everyone.

This plan is intended to guide us through a number of years; not all the identified actions can be undertaken immediately, we will need to pray and seek support from others to properly resource and fund some of this work.

The PCC will regularly review this plan and adjust it as necessary when changes occur in our church, community and the wider world.

Pastoral Ministry

Initially

- ❖ We will develop our Welcome at St Mary's, for visitors and worshippers
- ❖ We will grow the network of Life Groups to be more diverse
- ❖ We will increase the number of pastoral care volunteers and build a new Visiting Team
- ❖ We will develop the prayer life of our church to underpin our mission and ministry; including organising a prayer away day and creating a prayer space in church

We will then work with others to

- ❖ Develop more specific and targeted pastoral care for
 - the elderly
 - those who are physically or mentally ill
 - those with dementia and their carers
 - the bereavedand provide spiritual care for all.
- ❖ Develop a drop-in centre for the whole community of Wendover

Children, Young People & Families

Initially

- ❖ We will improve collaboration between St Mary's, *Churches Together in Wendover* and *Wendover Youth Centre* as well as continuing to work with the local schools
- ❖ We will develop a communication plan that makes clear the pathways on offer for children and young people
- ❖ We will re-launch Junior Church to encourage more children and their families to participate
- ❖ We will create an area in church to improve our welcome and provision for the under-fives
- ❖ We will encourage greater participation by children and young people in our worship through
 - Youth engagement
 - Developing music
 - A youth-led service

We will then work to

- ❖ Widen the community provision for families with ideas such as
 - Community café
 - Initiatives for dads and kids
- ❖ Consider the provision of Sunday afternoon worship in Wendover

Community In & Out

Initially

- ❖ We will conduct a *Community Survey* to identify the needs and wants of the village to enable greater connections
- ❖ We will look to deliver discipleship courses that will
 - share who Jesus is with the community
 - help us all to go deeper in discipleship
 - support each of us to share our faith with others
- ❖ We will create opportunities for our church community to get to know each other better
- ❖ We will develop our communication and publicity
- ❖ We will create more opportunities for the church to be used by the whole community (for example, music festivals and wine tastings)

We will then work

- ❖ To develop the work of *Global Church* to make it a greater part of our church
- ❖ To hold a Parish away-weekend regularly
- ❖ With the parish council, retailers and others to make Wendover a FairTrade village

Everyone is Welcome

We are an inclusive Church. Our aim is to be a community of faith that follows the example of Jesus in showing acceptance and value of all. We seek to serve and welcome all who come to share this journey of finding the love and grace of God. This means we foster an environment which does not discriminate on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical ability, race or sexuality. Everyone is welcome.

We want Wendover to be a place where

- ❖ Our church demonstrates God's unconditional love for all in Jesus, and
- ❖ Everyone can belong, and live a purposeful life in the fellowship of a caring community

This is why we intend to

- ❖ Be a positive presence at the heart of the community
- ❖ Develop our engagement with and support for, children and young people
- ❖ Feed our congregation with spiritual and transforming worship, teaching leading to personal growth, and
- ❖ Continue to grow our pastoral care and support for all

At St Mary's we hold to the core value that each one of us is made and loved by God. Jesus' death and resurrection show us that we can be forgiven and given a new start in our relationship with God.

The Holy Spirit is God's life in us, enabling us to show God's love to the world



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'Lord, be with us as we try'