

Review of current Mission Action Plan goals (in italics)

The current MAP was agreed in 2018. Please find below extracts showing the key action points in italics and the latest review of these in early 2020. A further review leading to a new MAP will take place once the current lockdown conditions end, later in 2021 we hope.

Welcome

We will also have an organised team to help the new arrivals feel part of our community
There is a strong team of stewards (sidesmen) but we need to move forward on creating a team to support newcomers integrate into the church community.

We need at least four volunteers to support St Mary's Minis sessions, alongside our Youth & Children's Worker.

This group ended when the previous worker left in 2019, but our new Children's Worker, Jackie Davis, is planning to establish a new pre-school group in church each week after the end of lockdown, and we will be looking for volunteers for this.

Worship

We need more volunteers to join our rotas for lesson reading and leading the intercessions.
New people have joined these rotas, but it is always good to involve new people in these activities.

Pastoral Care

We seek new members of the Marriage Prep Team

New members were recruited and the team is of a good size currently.

We need at least two more people to offer their time, and be trained to share this service (visiting people at home to offer pastoral care)

The team had achieved a good size and balance before the pandemic, and during this more have joined the team to provide telephone and other support. This will need to be reviewed when face to face contact becomes possible again.

Learning

We seek a champion to help us use the Church of England's programmes to make St Mary's more environment friendly

We have established an Environment Group in autumn 2020 which has begun work on enhancing our impact on the environment through our church buildings, church garden, worship and teaching, congregational lifestyle, and links to the community and wider world. We plan to set up a dedicated Environment page on the website later in 2021.

Outreach

We seek better ways to promote the charities we support and champions for the charities
The PCC is currently in the process of reviewing the charities we currently support: Castlenau Community Project, FiSH, Barnes Green Day Centre, Richmond Welcare, Glass Door, Under Tree Schools, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Christian Aid and the Diocese of Matabeleland (see website for further details) and the way in which funds are raised, in the light of the lack of fundraising events due to the pandemic.

Hospitality

We need more helpers to assist with these (the range of hospitality events) as part of the Hospitality Ministry Group)

Again, this will be reviewed when events are possible once more!