

Thinking about the future...

Mission Action Plan

Last autumn we invited you to share your 'recollections, reflections and hopes' for our church. From that, we drew together our church vision:

We are: **Shining God's light to our community, and sharing the good news of God's love for all**

In our churches:

All are welcome

we are an inclusive church

All have space to grow in faith

every age and stage of life matters

All are called to serve

everyone has a part to play

All find a place to belong

we're committed to God and to one another

All reach out

we respond to the needs in our community with the love of God

Now we need your help again! We're putting together a 'Mission Action Plan' to identify our priorities for the next three years. We'd love to hear what YOU think we should be concentrating our energies on.

Under each of our five values, please jot down two or three priorities for action. These could be simple things e.g. offer gluten-free Communion wafers, or they could be more significant projects e.g. employ a youth worker.

We've included some quotes from our original 'recollections, reflections and hopes' to help get you thinking...

All are welcome – we are an inclusive church

You said... that our churches are "welcoming without being overwhelming", "friendly not pushy" and "a place of inclusion and energy".

What should our priorities be under this heading?

All have space to grow in faith – every age and stage of life matters

You said... that our churches are "a wonderful community of churchgoers of all ages" and that you value "services including both traditional and 'newer ways'".

What should our priorities be under this heading?

All are called to serve – everyone has a part to play

You said... "It has been exciting to find God at work in my own life through the ministry of everyone in church". You also said that it's been good to see "more people 'owning' the place, the worship, and the events".

What should our priorities be under this heading?

All find a place to belong – we're committed to God and to one another

You said... you appreciate the "community beyond Sunday", and "not just attending church but being church".

What should our priorities be under this heading?

All reach out – we respond to the needs in our community with the love of God

You said... our churches are "sources of help and hope for people locally", and that "the church exists to worship and also to serve".

What should our priorities be under this heading?

Is there anything else you'd like to add?