

# Mission Action Plan DVE examples.

## A. Multi-church example.

### Discipleship

#### 1) What We're Offering NOW

- Preaching on discipleship (through the Common Worship Lectionary)
- Launching the *Pilgrim Course* (October 2017, to continue through 2019)
- '*Beta*' Course (post-ALPHA provision for 'going deeper' in Christian understanding and commitment)
- Messy Church (monthly provision)
- Weekly Collective
- 'Faith Focus Days' (full day of teaching offered to all pupils, one day per academic term, on Discipleship, Prayer, and Eucharist)
- 'Mondays in Advent/Lent' – worship and Biblical reflection
- Formation of a 'Worship Leaders Team' of pupils representing each year group at a school
- Weekly Ecumenical Prayers
- Village – e-mails sent regularly to all residents informing them of ministry and mission events taking place

#### 2) What We Hope to Offer in the COMING YEAR

- (Continue with the above)
- Continuing development of the All Saints School 'Worship Leaders Team'
- Additional 'Faith Focus Days' for All Saints School for KS2, going deeper into Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter
- *Communion Before Confirmation* course to be offered during the 2017/18 academic year as an after-school provision at All Saints School
- Use of *SHAPE* course to help identify, develop, and encourage the use of every Christian's gifts and talents for 24/7 discipleship and ministry

#### 3) What We Hope to Offer in the YEARS AHEAD

- (Continue with items listed in 1 and 2, as appropriate)
- Explore possible development of Home Groups arising out of *Pilgrim Course*
- Train Home Group Leaders
- Resources to support Ministry in the Workplace/Daily Life

### Vocation

#### 1) What We're Offering NOW

- Preaching on vocation (through the Common Worship Lectionary)
- Promoting Diocesan Vocational Exploration Days at Shallowford House
- 'Faith Focus Day' on Discipleship (All Saints School)
- School Worship Leaders Team
- One church has 'Monday Afternoon Drop-in' and another church 'Wednesday Welcome' held weekly

## 2) What We Hope to Offer in the COMING YEAR

- (Continue with the above)
- *Pilgrim* Course – all modules offered over two years
- External preachers/speakers developing everyone's understanding of vocation
- Promote up take of *Pathways of Ministry* Diocesan Course
- Short testimonials/reflections on 'My Ministry/Calling' by congregational members in appropriate worship services
- Vocational exploration in church Youth Groups, and Primary Schools

## 3) What We Hope to Offer in the YEARS AHEAD

- (Continue with items listed in 1 and 2, as appropriate)
- *SHAPE* Course, exploring the development and use of gifts of every Christian in ministry and mission
- Courses and resources enabling deeper reflection on Ministry in the Workplace/Daily Life

## Evangelism

### 1) What We're Offering NOW

- Preaching on evangelism (through use of Common Worship Lectionary)
- Special/Festival Worship Services throughout the year (e.g., Harvest, Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Patronal Festival, Remembrance Sunday, All Souls, etc.)
- *ALPHA* Course (offered at one church, available to all interested persons in the benefice)
- Messy Church held monthly in two churches
- One church 'Monday Afternoon Drop-in' and another church 'Wednesday Welcome'
- 'Tea and Toast' fellowship at one Church
- Social and fellowship events throughout the year
- One church 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday All-Age Praise with Worship Band
- Community Choir (meets weekly in one church, and offers concerts and worship support during the year)
- Special interest groups (e.g., Craft Clubs, Bell Ringing, Handbell Choir, Walking Group, etc.)
- 'Open Church' – one church open daily, another church every weekend from May through September and daily in August
- Holy Week Worship Events, including Good Friday Workshop (in partnership with Methodist Church) and Good Friday Messy Church in one church.
- Uniformed groups in one community help lead worship at Harvest, Remembrance, and Mothering Sunday (in another community, uniformed groups join in Remembrance Sunday)

### 2) What We Hope to Offer in the COMING YEAR

- (Continue with the above)
- 'Little Fishes' Toddler Group (joint provision by All Saints and Methodists)
- Use of *Faith Pictures* Course (developed by Church Army)
- Development of a new *Benefice Media Team* (including exploration of setting up a new provision for a Benefice Magazine, use of websites and social media)
- Participation in *HOPE 2018* initiative

- Explore fresh opportunities to increase participation of, and outreach to, uniformed groups in the villages
- Explore provision for children/young people in main Sunday Services in two churches
- Introduction of new Fresh Expressions (non-eucharistic worship) in one church, including *Café Church*

#### 4) What We Hope to Offer in the YEARS AHEAD

- (Continue with items listed in 1 and 2, as appropriate)
- Use CPAS Course *Lost for Words* to help move people on from *Faith Pictures*
- Develop one-off events to attract people (Bangers and Beer Evening, etc.)

## B. Single church example.

### DISCIPLESHIP

How are we seeking to follow Christ as disciples?

**NOW** – celebrate with us that:

- We have two Pilgrim groups and have started a new Sunday provision for children: Explorers
- We encourage prayer and response within local schools
- We offer daily public prayer in our church, a regular meditation group and are about to open a new prayer chapel
- We keep our church building open each day as a sign of Christian hospitality

**THE COMING YEAR** – pray for our immediate plans to:

- Offer 'Listening to God' Quiet Days
- Make available again resources for bible reading eg SACRED
- Offer a themed approach to Lent and Holy Week around discipleship issues – possibly focusing on 'Building a Rule of Life'

**IN THE YEARS AHEAD** – dream with us:

- As we aspire to grow a network of house groups to support discipleship
- As we explore options for an intentional community of discipleship relevant to our context

### VOCATION

How are we responding to God's call on our lives?

**NOW** – celebrate with us that:

- We have supported several vocations to ordained ministry
- We have an emerging music group to help lead our worship
- We have seen a wide range of support for new initiatives such as Places of Welcome
- We have witnessed many practical responses to needs around the church and churchyard

- We are seeing new people take part in leading prayers and reading at public worship as we encourage people to 'have a go'

**THE COMING YEAR** – pray for our immediate plans to:

- Develop leaders for small groups as a training programme
- Grow a healing ministry team in response to God's call
- Develop a PCC Development Programme to ensure we move towards a more rounded culture of vocation

**IN THE YEARS AHEAD** – dream with us:

- As we offer practical teaching about spiritual gifts and promote their use within our community
- As we seek to grow a more diverse leadership and ministry culture which opens up opportunities for younger people and new Christians

## **EVANGELISM**

How are we seeking to share the Good News of Christ with others?

**NOW** – celebrate with us that:

- We pray for each street in the parish regularly and post a Christmas card to each property
- We intentionally share the hope and promise of the gospel through the many Occasional Offices
- We are engaged on a regular basis with half a dozen local schools in worship, prayer, and teaching about Jesus
- We are seeking to embody the Good News in actions around justice and the environment (Caring for God's Acre etc)

**THE COMING YEAR** – pray for our immediate plans to:

- Explore 'Grave Talk' and bereavement follow up
- Explore ways of following up baptism and confirmation
- Further develop our social media platforms as 'Good News' vehicles
- Equip church members for a healing ministry across the parish

**IN THE YEARS AHEAD** – dream with us:

- As we seek to place an integral ministry of healing at the centre of our life and to become a healthy and healing church living out the transformative Good News of Christ.
- As we seek to recover confidence in the Good News, especially as it impacts on the poorest parts of our community – 'Good News for the Poor'