

Our Looking

What progress have you made with the Goals from your previous MAP, and what do you want to celebrate?

- Messy Church is established and provides fellowship and worship for families.
- The Craft and Chat meets every week and provides fellowship for those who live on their own.
- A Pilgrim Study Group has been established and developing those who are enquiring deeper about the Christian faith.

What Goals did you set where you saw less progress than you would have liked?

- There are not enough children of the right age to hold a toddler group.
- We have young people in the Messy Church and we are seeking ways to develop their faith.

Things seen about our local community

- There is a degree of loneliness and social isolation among older people who live on their own.
- The new housing makes community building more challenging.
- There is more potential to engage with the local school.

How have you begun to engage with these concerns / needs / issues?

- A community Café has been established to address social needs in the community.
- 5th Sunday services have strengthened links with the other church in the Benefice.
- Afternoon teas have been established on a fortnightly basis for older members of the community.

Our Discerning

Vision (for five years' time)

That the Church will be seen as the centre of our villages to welcome, support and serve the needs of the community.

Current Situation

From our Parish Statistics for Mission, we see that we are / have...

a congregation that maintains a regular attendance. There has been a slight change in the age profile and some people no longer attend every week due to family commitments.

Priorities (for the next five years)

- Going deeper into God – Teaching, learning, discipleship
- Making new disciples – Relevant worship
- Transforming communities – Meeting Community needs

Goals (for the next year)

- To have a Mission Weekend involving the Bishop's team by 1st November.
- Family services to be non-Eucharistic by end of 2017.
- To have a church away day by summer 2018.
- Begin Alpha groups by 2018.
- Establish a toddler group by end of 2017.