

St Michaels Church Betchworth – Mission Action Plan 2021-2025

5th Mark of Mission – Treasure

A Mission Action Plan is a living document, constantly evolving. It will be formally reviewed every year by the PCC, which has the responsibility of keeping this plan up to date.. This Mission Action Plan seeks to express our vision to grow and integrate the church to the community it serves.

We aim to do this by responsibly seeking ways to preserve our beautiful building, by doing our utmost to promote fresh expression to those seeking God, and support environmental initiatives in our rural village.

Fellowship & Discipleship

- A deeper relationship to God through, courses, house groups, biblical study and reading- greater awareness to our created world and our responsibility to preserve it
- Space for silence, retreats and contemplation.
- Encourage more use of our Church buildings by the community– Art exhibitions, Rehearsal space , talks, classes etc-
- Being proactive in reaching out to those who are under-represented in the community
- wider range of liturgical services/music and a greater variety of services involving more people especially children
- regular use of visiting preachers and speakers on matters of concern

Communal areas *Fabric and Grounds*

- Engagement with village environmental projects
- Quinquennial repairs to the roof and stonework fund raising ideas
- Disabled access including restoration project incorporating pew removal to allow communal space and glass door at West door entrance
- Eco Church award Silver
- Defined well-designed welcoming area including: Display boards /Literature
- Energy consumption and the development of renewable energy too reduce Carbon Footprint

Outreach

- Working alongside and more interaction with local schools
- A more consistent welcome to worshippers, both before and after the services
- Improved ongoing support through prayer ministry, social functions, and involvement of newcomers in the life of the church
- Better communication through a variety of methods: informal talks, email, website, and so on
- A greater understanding of the Christian faith for seekers, young people, and ourselves - through bible courses, seekers' events, house groups, refresher courses and retreats
- Improved identification of areas of need and response to those needs through: Greater involvement with the local community -
- Greater opportunities for open debate and discussion on areas of topical or common concern
- A greater use of the church by local organisations
- Involvement in the life of the Deanery and Diocese - Greater co-operation with local churches and inter-faith dialogue through visits, exchanges and social contact
- Greater personal involvement and closer links with the charitable projects we support
- An annual, realistic and challenging stewardship campaign – educating the parish the need to support the diocese as well as the fabric of the building

The Mission Action Plan is the responsibility of **EVERYONE** and we all have our part to play in our vision for the church going forward

