



DIOCESE of
WINCHESTER

THE PARISH OF MILTON

St. Mary Magdalene, Milton

St. Peter, Ashley

St. John the Baptist, Bashley

Parish Mission Action Plan 2015 – 2018

Approved by PCC:

Approved by Deanery:

At the Diocesan Synod Conference in September 2013 four Strategic Priorities for Mission were agreed. These set the agenda for the work of the Diocese over the next 3 years and can be found on the Diocesan website.

Each Deanery in the Diocese has produced a three year action plan for Mission, using these priorities. These are called dMAPs (also on the website).

This summer, each Parish or Benefice will produce their own Parish Plan which in turn links into the Deanery Plan. These are known as Parish MAPs, or pMAPs.

A group of people including Church Officers, PCC members and other interested parishioners from all three churches have met and produced the following pMAP. It is a document that will be developed over time. We believe it will enable us to “Live the Mission of Jesus” together.

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Rector

Strategic Priority One

We grow authentic disciples

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

The churches of the Parish have two Pre-School Groups and a Toddler Group which meet in their Halls.

How can we forge a more meaningful relationship with these groups and encourage them on their journey of faith?

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

Regular contact will have been made and a pattern of appropriate worship and teaching established.

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Outputs)

The Gospel shared effectively and appropriately with children parents or carers who use our premises.

What steps will we take to achieve this and when?

(Active Inputs)

- *Advent candles to be given to the children at Ashley (2015)*
- *A Christmas service for the Toddler Group in the Hall (2015)*
- *Plan a regular pattern of worship events to mark Festivals and other special occasions (2016)*

Strategic Priority Two

We re-imagine the Church

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

A service of Holy Baptism for candidates living across the Parish takes place each month with a large congregation frequently in the region of two hundred people.

How can we engage more effectively with the people who attend these services?

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

To maintain contact with the families and see them participating in the life of the Church.

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Outputs)

People engaging with an on-going journey of faith and developing in their personal discipleship.

What steps will we take to achieve this and when? (Active Inputs)

- To consider ways of making the Baptism service more accessible. (2016)
- Invite Baptism families to attend specific acts of worship. (2016)
- Keep in contact with the families
- Mark the anniversary of Baptism

Strategic Priority Three

We are agents of social transformation

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

We spend a great deal of time and effort producing information for our congregations and the community.

How can we further develop our website, notice boards and a variety of regular publications to spread the Gospel?

What is it that we are not doing that people would appreciate that would help them develop their Christian discipleship?

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

We will be making full use of our resources and ensuring that we are engaging with our communities.

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Outputs)

We generate the interest of more people in the faith of Jesus Christ across the Parish.

What steps will we take to achieve this and when? (Active Inputs)

- A new service on the First Sunday of each month has begun at the Parish Church. (2015)
- To improve communication between the churches
- Appoint a small group to look at external notice boards (2016)
- Explore the possibility of using social media
- Enable a wider distribution of the Parish News
- Explore new possibilities for using all our buildings for mission and outreach

Strategic Priority Four

We belong together in Christ.

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

The Parish has failed to raise sufficient funds to contribute fully to the common mission fund.

We will endeavour to increase a spirit of generosity in all three churches

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

The Parish will achieve a level of giving that adequately finances both local needs and those of the wider Church.

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Outputs)

A majority of givers joining the Parish Giving Scheme
Contributing fully to the common mission fund

What steps will we take to achieve this and when? (Active Inputs)

- The PCC has agreed to register with the Parish Giving Scheme (Nov. 2015)
- On-going encouragement for parishioners to review their giving will continue
- Our commitment to the mission of the world-wide Church will remain a priority