

THE PARISH OF ALEXANDRA PARK

MISSION ACTION PLAN

1. Buildings.

- a) Major maintenance work and repairs to the church building have been carried out. The Churchwardens and others to maintain a watching brief.
- b) Following the architect's survey of the Church Hall:
 - 1. Parochial Church Council needs to consider our use of buildings.
 - 2. A small working group should be established to oversee redevelopment of the Church Hall site.

2. Publicity.

- a) Work on a new church noticeboard, distribution of a Publicity leaflet to all households in the parish, compilation of a list of all shops, businesses etc. willing to display publicity material and the institution of an Annual Bazaar has now been completed.
- b) To be done:
 - 1. Produce a Parish Welcome Pack.
 - 2. Provide an external noticeboard for Church Hall users.
 - 3. Appoint a Parish publicity co-ordinator.
 - 4. Consolidate links with educational and charitable institutions in the Parish: invite involvement in the annual Carol Service; offer the use of our buildings and facilities to assist their fund raising.
 - 5. Continue to see whether the church can be made available for prayer and as a place of quiet.
 - 6. Continue regular publicity to homes in the parish, especially at Christmas and Holy Week/Easter.
 - 7. Continue to develop the Annual Bazaar as a means of outreach into local community.
 - 8. Give thought to special projects, e.g. a Flower Festival (?) and forthcoming Centenary celebrations.

3. Worship and Teaching.

Prayer and Liturgy.

- a) Build on the pattern of Quiet Days/Retreats, Pilgrimage and Directed Prayer now established.
- b) Continue the pattern of non-Eucharistic liturgies: services of Penitence/Reconciliation, Morning & Evening Prayer and Vigil services.
- c) Work to further involvement in the liturgy through particular ministries (see below) and through the use of a variety of musical and liturgical styles. Affirm the importance of silence to liturgical celebration.
- d) Initiate training for Sidespeople ('Welcomers'), Intercessors/Readers, Servers and Eucharistic ministers.
- e) Continue the pattern of children's liturgical workshops; and move towards more regular participation of the children in the Sunday liturgy (e.g a monthly 'Family Eucharist'?).
- f) Continue to make use of visiting preachers to broaden an awareness of the Church's life and ministry.
- g) Give careful thought to the re-ordering of the Chancel/Sanctuary area (see b2 below).

Music.

- a) New hymn books and new choir robes have been introduced.
- b) To be done.
 - 1. Seek to appoint a Director of Music, who will foster the growth of the Choir and develop a broad range of musical styles.
 - 2. Pursue the possibility of installing the former St Saviour's Organ.

Teaching.

- a) Support, and encourage further development of, home-based study groups.
- b) Make use of coordinated study/teaching programmes to explore issues of faith and the sacramental life.
- c) Continue to exploit the potential of the Parish Magazine for teaching.

4. Pastoral Outreach.

Continue to work on the areas previously identified:

a) Home Ministry.

1. Build on contacts with Old Peoples Homes (visits & carol singing)
2. Give particular thought to ministry to the housebound (visiting & House Eucharist), the elderly and the bereaved. (Any use of Lay Visiting in these areas might well be in conjunction with the Muswell Hill Christian Council Good Neighbours Scheme). A weekly Over-60's club has been established.

b) Children & Young People.

1. Pursue contacts with very young children in the parish (e.g. Post-Baptism). A Crèche during Sunday Eucharist has now been launched. Consider forming a mother/toddler group.
2. Continue the work with Junior Church members and their friends (e.g. Regular banner-making & liturgical workshops, outings etc.)
3. Make some contact with 'un-churched' children in the immediate area (e.g. the regular Holiday Club.)
4. Continue to pursue post-Baptism contacts (anniversary cards are sent and also invitations to attend the Eucharist on Mothering Sunday).
5. Explore as a priority some weekday social/teaching provision for our young people.

c) Continue to pursue contacts after funerals (invitations are sent for the All Souls Day Eucharist).

d) Build on the chaplaincy work in place at the College of N.E.London; and develop contacts with schools in the Parish and with Hornsey Centre for Cerebral Palsied Children.

5. Extra-Parochial Links

- a) Affirm the importance of ecumenical contacts through the Muswell Hill Christian Council. (Celebration on the Hill 1994 was very successful)
- b) Give wholehearted support to Muswell Hill Christian Council social/outreach projects - especially the Good Neighbours Scheme for the housebound and bereaved.
- c) Continue to support efforts to strengthen the life of the Deanery and the sharing of resources.
- d) Continue occasional 'clustering' with other parishes for worship etc.

6. Finance.

- a) Promote the awareness of financial issues by:
 - 1. Continuing to make an annual budget presentation to the congregation.
 - 2. Continuing to provide regular updates in the Parish Magazine and using posters, visual aids etc. to illustrate the running costs of the Parish and the progress of fund-raising.
- b) Give regular encouragement to thoughtful and realistic levels of giving; and be aware of the need to inform newcomers of ways to respond to the financial needs of the Parish.
- c) Use the opportunity of the annual Budget presentation to promote regular reflection on financial support for the Parish and consolidate the achievements of the Lent 1994 Stewardship Drive.
- d) Work towards retaining income from the Hall for its maintenance and future development.
- e) Ensure that any income from the St Saviour's Site is used, not least, to provide a firm basis for the Parish's future financial position.
- f) Establish a Finance Group to oversee financial planning.

7. Social and Fund-raising.

- a) The St Andrew's-tide Bazaar has proved effective as a means of fund-raising, socialising and out-reach. This needs to be pursued.
- b) An annual pattern of social events is now in place, co-ordinated by the Social Events Committee. Prepare an annual diary of events for the congregation.
- c) Develop the pattern of home-based social/fund-raising events (coffee mornings, cheese/wine parties etc.)

8. Parish Administration.

- a) Some computerisation of parish records has been undertaken. Further work is to be done, which will ultimately necessitate registration under 'Data Protection Act'
- b) Establishing a parish office must be a priority.

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