

# THE PARISH OF ALEXANDRA PARK - MISSION ACTION PLAN

## OVERALL OBJECTIVE

To broaden and deepen the life of the worshipping community of St Andrew's and to reach out to the wider community of Alexandra Park.

## DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The St Andrew's Development Project is a major undertaking, giving us the opportunity to build upon the achievements of the past 100 years in order to be more effective in serving our community in the years ahead. This opportunity inevitably informs what we understand to be the work of mission in the coming years.

## REACHING OUT TO NEW BELIEVERS.

### Continue:

- \* To open the church for private prayer three days each week.
- \* Regular mailings to Parish Mailing List members and leafleting of every home in the Parish
- \* To keep Parish web-site up to date / make use of e-mails.
- \* Training of sidespeople as welcomers.
- \* Programme of day trips.
- \* To produce the Annual Report book for Annual Church Meetings.
- \* To produce an Annual Parish Diary of principal events.
- \* Weekly Bulletin - both for church attenders and by e-mail.

### In addition:

- + Undertake a Disability Access audit and ensure the implementation of its recommendations.
- + Make the production of a Welcome Pack a priority.
- + Provide an external noticeboard.
- + Relaunch a Parish Magazine in some form.
- + Arrange a pattern of follow up after Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals.
- + Widen the base of the programme of Social / Fund-Raising events.
- + Develop links with schools in the Parish.
- + Encourage members of the congregation to socialise after services in order to welcome newcomers.
- + Provide a noticeboard in the Hall with details of church life and activities.

## RENEWING THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH.

### Continue:

- \* To arrange Quiet Days and Retreats and make greater use of *silence* in the Liturgies.
- \* To hold Fellowship & Prayer Group meetings and encourage new ones.
- \* To invite visiting preachers / speakers.
- \* To having Lent study groups / special reading / directed prayer.

**In addition:**

- + Set the Children's Work on a solid foundation, using help from the Diocese and external sources
- + Train new Altar Servers.
- + Emphasise the importance of church attendance on Holy Days / Weekday Liturgies.
- + Make the text of some sermons available on the Parish web site, and in printed form or on audio cassette for the housebound or visually impaired.
- + Consider the use of *Away Days* for the Parochial Church Council.
- + Continue to enhance the role of music within the Parish's liturgical life.
- + Address the problems surrounding Parish Stewardship / Finance.

**REBUILDING A BROKEN WORLD.****Continue:**

- \* To let the Hall for the young ( Monkey Music & Kumon Maths group).
- \* To carry out pastoral visiting,- by both clergy & laity.
- \* To support Muswell Hill Christian Council.
- \* To support Deanery and Diocesan initiatives, including local 'cluster' groups.

**In addition:**

- + Build on the Thursday Club for the elderly and make its facilities known to the wider community.
- + Follow up after occasional offices (Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals) and other occasional services.
- + Support neighbouring churches (especially St Peter le Poer and St Paul, New Southgate) and hold joint activities/ services.
- + Raise the profile of missionary work, especially USPG.
- + Invite speakers / preachers on special topics.
- + Initiate a Cycle of Prayer for the Parish - for example, by roads.
- + Set up a Church Hall Management Committee, as agreed by the PCC.
- + Consider instituting an Alpha / Emmaus / Credo Course by 2004.

This Mission Action Plan will be reviewed every two years.

Adopted by the Parochial Church Council 20 January 2003.