

St. Bartholomew's Sydenham

Mission Action Plan

2014 – 2017

Our first year 2014 – 2015

FAITH

Children and Young People

- Sunday@Six – reviewed; on back burner
- Involvement of children; seeking to incorporate some of the child-friendly innovations of Sunday@Six into the All-age Service – perhaps under a new name
- Work at link with St.Bart's School – "Parish Month" in January, and best-attended Education Sunday service in recent years

Study

- Very good Lent course – led to some ideas of its own; follow-up discussions based on Sunday sermon; potential to develop study courses with new curate

Music

- Worked with director of music to make more use of our musicians – e.g. Easter Day and All-Age Sundays

We still need to address

- A parish weekend away
- Youth council
- Younger Eucharistic assistants

Be open to other opportunities that may come to light in the three-year period

HOPE

The Community, Social Justice and Faith Sharing

- School link; PCC spent an evening at school to admire the new buildings
- Mission societies; had two preachers during 2014
- Major restoration programme for the building; SABRE launched, looking at more inspirational ideas as well as the necessary repairs, eg development of north aisle first floor and crypt

- Volunteering in the community; have produced a display showing the ways in which our members volunteer
- Arts and Music; have continued to work with Sydenham Arts Festival and other concert promoters.
- Increased jumble sales from one to two a year

We still need to address

- Environmental actions have stalled latterly
- Research needs of 30-44 year olds
- Not much work on faith-sharing

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LOVE

Church community, Pastoral Care, Welcome and Social Events

- Diversity; trying to ensure rotas reflect diversity of congregation, but rotas are increasingly difficult to manage
- Cultural heritage celebration; have invited people to share their cultural heritage with us around their National Day, and this has been successful on several Sundays
- Screen and projector system; this was investigated as a potential help for newcomers and visitors to access the service more easily; but cost and uncertainty about feasibility meant that this is "on the back burner" for the time being.

We still need to address

- Getting our 'rogues' gallery up again
- Raising awareness of the pastoral team
- Producing display of what volunteers do for the church
- Investigate feasibility of landscaping front churchyard

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