



Parish Mission Plan 2017

Purpose: Growing Disciples – wider, younger and deeper

Strategy: Become Disciples of Christ who make disciples, embodying our motto, **“a Heart for the Community”**

1. Discipleship

- Provide themed home group materials for at least two sermon series
- Increase the level of support available to home group leaders
- Hold two whole-church prayer events and one in home groups
- Teaching on stewardship: time, talents and finances
- Teaching on being missional in our daily lives
- Introduce TTT (this time tomorrow) in services
- Planned testimonies in services (home group leaders send to office for Matt)
- Encourage participation in a range of conferences and retreats, including group attendance at Spring Harvest and the Transform Weekend
- Encourage participation in nurture groups

2. Church Growth and Community Engagement

- Welcoming into and going beyond our walls

- Embrace recommendations from the group looking at accessibility and inclusion
- Remodel the toilets to provide fully accessible facilities, baby-change and meeting room
- Develop the area at the back of church for use on Sundays and at Tiddlywinks

- Phase two of sound system
- Introduce Café Church (4-6 times 2017)
- Relaunch Messy Church (training in conjunction with cluster)
- Develop relationships with local schools (including visits, assemblies and school fairs)
- Explore supporting Woodthorpe library as a place of community engagement
- Develop an understanding of the needs of our community, including those who are lonely and/or feel isolated, but also recognising that many people face pressured lives
- Lunch club – review current structure in order to continue this ministry
- Intentionally build relationships with our neighbours – *all of us*
- Run a parenting course in the community
- Improve communication of key events
- Alpha course

3. Emerging Generations - Children, Teenagers and 18-30s

- Encourage each child and teenager to have a deeper relationship with God through:
 - Building confidence in listening to God and praying for one another;
 - Worshipping together on Sundays in the big hall
 - Encouraging the use of apps such as Guardians of Ancora and other age appropriate Bible studies, during the week;
 - Mentoring for Academy 2 young people
 - Attending Transform and Generate
- Provide opportunities for our young people to grow as leaders (welcome team, leading worship, café church, PCC, Generate, Diocesan Younger Leadership College)
- Intentional engagement with 18-30s age group
- Provide opportunities for families to gather, eg. Harvest picnic

2 Peter 1:5-9 The Message

So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others. With these qualities active and growing in your lives, no grass will grow under your feet, no day will pass without its reward as you mature in your experience of our Master Jesus.