

Great St Mary, Sawbridgeworth – Mission Action Plan (MAP) Update APCM, 27th April 2016

5-year Vision Statement (unchanged for 2016)

The 5-year Vision Statement was approved by the PCC on 19th January 2012 and endorsed at the ACPM on 12th April 2012. It reads:

We will be a dynamic, hospitable, growing Church, welcoming everyone, where all ages can grow in faith and receive spiritual support, and where we use all our resources and talents for loving service to the community, locally and globally.

Priorities for 2012-2017 (changed for 2016)

The Vision Working Group identified three priority areas for the MAP. These are:

1. Pursue plans for developing the main Church building so that it meets the needs of congregation and wider community in the future.

This has had to be postponed and is replaced by the following priority for 2016:

Pursue plans for developing Church House (funded by the sale of the Parish Hall) so that it is a versatile centre for activities and functions, meeting the needs of the congregation and wider community.

2. Build on our ministry of welcome, and expand our provision of pastoral care for the young and the vulnerable in the Parish.
3. Enhance the provision of worship and develop initiatives for encouraging spiritual growth.

Goals for 2016-2017 (approved by PCC on 17th March 2016)

1. To actively seek opportunities for potential pastoral visitors (from congregation) to attend the diocesan Pastoral Ministry or Bereavement Ministry course (Time Scale: by March 2017)
2. Working Group to develop a plan for Church House improvements and report to the PCC (Time Scale: by September 2016)
3. To conduct a stewardship campaign to explain how activities are funded and better utilise the skills and talents within our church community (Time Scale: by March 2017).

Postponed Goals

To prepare suggestions for developing the south aisle of the Church to meet the needs of the congregation and wider community (Time Scale: by March 2016)

Develop our engagement with the people of our town by increasing our participation in community events (March 2016)

Completed Goals: PTO

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Introduce the final form of the Family Service/All Age Eucharist (September 2015)

Increase involvement of children/young people in worship by recruiting and training more servers (June 2014)

Compile a Welcome Pack for those new to Great St. Mary's (January 2014)

Complete the Heating Project (March 2013)

Conduct a Stewardship Campaign, specifically to include an audit of time and talents (December 2012)