

**MISSION ACTION PLAN**

**FOR**

**THE HUKOLEY**

**MISSION COMMUNITY**

**November 2009**

## **Introduction**

In order to produce this action plan a series of special services was held in September/October 2008 at which discussions were held about how best to revise the previous action plan, produced in November 2006. Ideas were also put forward, based on the progress which had been made since writing that plan, about new developments in mission we might now be able to make.

All the points raised in those services are recorded in Appendix 1. They were summarised in the Table in Appendix 2. They were then re-arranged as shown in the table in Appendix 3, into the five areas of mission activity which were felt to be appropriate for this mission community. The text of the plan and the vision statement were then developed using this second summary table as a basis.

In order to maintain the momentum of moving on in mission and ministry a similar process will be used to revise this action plan in 18 months - two years time.

## **THE VISION STATEMENT**

- . We will make worship accessible to more people and provide opportunities for people to deepen their prayer life.
- . We will make worship and teaching more varied and more relevant to families and young children.
- . We will provide more opportunities for people to meet together, to learn, to develop their discipleship and to feel that they belong to a church community which is focussed on mission.
- . We will promote a range of activities which will help us to be a church which looks 'outward' to the concerns of the world and does not only look 'inward' at its own problems and concerns.
- . We will embark upon a range of projects which will raise the profile of the church in the community and portray the church as the attractive community we believe it to be in order to engender growth.

## **THE ACTION PLAN**

### **Prayer and Spiritual Development**

We plan to:

1. Introduce more special occasions into our pattern of services whilst continuing with both modern and traditional styles of worship. There is a plan to introduce a nave altar in Bampton church as part of a re-ordering scheme to make the church more 'user friendly'. Rogationtide Services, services where Marriage Vows may be renewed, Pet Services and worship where the music is provided by a band of musicians rather than the organ are all being considered.
2. To make worship more accessible by having services at different times. There is already a Wednesday morning service in Bampton. The possibilities for services at other times in other churches is to be investigated. We also plan to produce large print service sheets.
3. Continue with occasional elements of worship in the House Group.
4. To train lay people to lead intercession in some of the Eucharistic services.
5. To organise teaching sessions on different styles and types of prayer using the material from the 'Planting in Prayer' programme.

## **Work with Families and Young Children**

We plan to:

1. Continue with Family Services in Bampton and Clayhanger, and with the Crib Service in Bampton with a view to making this a Mission Community event.
2. Set up an after-school mid week Church Club for 5-11 year olds. The Diocesan Children's Work Advisor is involved, with some local people in this project.
3. Continue to experiment with different topics for Family Services. We organised an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day and the possibility of a Pet Service is being considered.
4. Maintain our contacts with the Mums and Toddlers Group and to ascertain how the church community can be of assistance to them.
5. Run an Annual Outing for families and young children.(In 2008 we had a successful outing to Crealy Adventure Park. In 2009 we took a coach to the 1100th Anniversary Celebrations.)
6. Continue to build up our involvement with the School. There is already involvement from the church in the planning of school corporate worship. Visits to the church are organised as part of the curriculum. The school has services in church each term and year 6 children are being encouraged to experience bell ringing as a joint venture between the school and the Troyte Ringing Centre. There are also plans to exhibit children's work in church and to set up a link with a school in our linked Diocese of Thika.

## **Christian Education for Adults**

We plan to:

1. Continue with the existing fortnightly house group and by increasing publicity about its activities to increase its membership.
2. Continue to run a Lent Course either using the Diocesan Scheme, or some other scheme as may be most appropriate.
3. Set up a series of Bible Study sessions after the Wednesday morning service in Bampton church.
4. Start a Discussion Group which covers Christian basics and moral values, possibly based on the Emmaus scheme but extended or modified to include discussions about Moving on in Mission and Ministry and the work of our Mission Community. It is possible that we might eventually also be able to use suitably modified material from the Pioneer Disciple Course (currently being attended by four people from this Mission Community) in this project.
5. To hold joint PCC events in order to foster a sense of belonging not only to individual Parishes, but to a Mission Community.

## **Social Awareness and Action**

We plan to:

1. Co-ordinate the organisation of joint fund raising events through the Mission Community Council in order to support nominated charities.
2. Develop a 'Drop-in' centre in Bampton church where various sections of the community can meet on a social basis. If this is successful it may be possible to extend it to some of the other churches.
3. Make more use of our buildings for appropriate social events as well as for worship. To this end there are plans to reorder the northwest corner of Morebath Church to make the serving of refreshments easier.
4. Extend the scope of our existing collections during Christian Aid Week and to increase our support for Fair Trade.

## **Moving On In Growth**

We plan to:

1. Continue to deliver copies of a 'Welcome Pack' to all new arrivals in Bampton and to explore the possibilities of extending a similar scheme to the other Parishes.
2. Consider if there are actions which might reasonably be taken to increase the circulation of the Parish Magazine in the five Parishes.
3. Ensure that all our worship and other events present an atmosphere which is not threatening and which welcomes newcomers.
4. Continue to try to involve more people in taking part in worship and in organising church events so that all our activities may be seen as being 'owned' by a wider cross section of the community.
5. As part of the work of the Troyte Ringing Centre based on the towers in Huntsham and Bampton, to raise public awareness and interest in tower bell ringing, to teach people to ring and to encourage existing ringers to develop their ringing skills.

In addition to the items listed here as being specifically designed to foster the growth of the church community we believe that items listed in other sections of the plan will also portray the church community as one which people would wish to join. Specifically we believe that the drop in centre in Bampton church, making more use of our church buildings, improving the variety of worship, including more special worship events in our programme and improving the publicity for all we do will be particularly effective in this regard.

We also recognise the need to exchange ideas and continue to try out new forms of church activities throughout the Mission Community. The Bampton Mission Team meetings have proved to be effective in promoting new ideas in Bampton, some of which will also be appropriate in other parishes. In this regard the meetings of the Mission Community Council as a forum for exchanging ideas across the Mission Community are particularly important.

## NOTES FROM THE PARISHES

## APPENDIX 1

### **Bampton MAP Revision: 21/9/08**

- . Distribute Magazine to every home.
- . Family Services including school - give children jobs to do.
- . Do not ask for money
- . Saturday morning event based on "Planting in Prayer"
- . Question and answer session based on moral values.
- . Weekday service for the school.
- . Sunday School/ after school weekday club.
- . Children should be taught thankfulness and gratitude.
- . Youth Club
- . Drop in centre in Church
- . Make more use of the building
- . Keep Church door open as much as possible during services.
- . Concert with Christian Band.
- . Crib Service.
- . House Group

### **Petton MAP Revision 28/9/08**

- . Sunday School should be an ambition, but maybe not on Sunday.
- . Rogation Sunday Service and Tea.

### **Huntsham MAP Revision 12/10/08**

- Code of conduct
- Explain Christian Basics in a language people can understand.
- Church needs to be more exciting - more up to date
- People need to want to come.
- Church Club.
- Renewal of Marriage Vows.
- Christmas Tree Festival.

### **Clayhanger MAP Revision 19/10/08**

- Monthly Family Services
- Communication
- Joint Fund Raising Events
- Welcome - Friendship (Welcomers)
- Involve people in doing things for special occasions
- Make Church Special
- Don't make people feel uncomfortable
- Why only have Church on Sunday?

## **Morebath MAP Revision 26/10/08**

- Welcome Pack
- More gatherings/discussion about MOIMM
- Joint PCC Gatherings
- Rogation Services
- Unite the Christian Churches
- 'Think Tank' on youth worship
- Pet Service
- Large print books/service sheets
- Lent Course - 1 Session in each parish

**SUMMARY TABLE 1**

**APPENDIX 2**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Already Happening/ Planned</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plan Now</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Plan For Future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Don't do/Not Actionable</b>
B14 Crib Service	B1 Increase Mag Circ./Communication	B6 Weekday School Service	B3 Do not ask for money
B15 House Group	B11 More use of building	B8 Church Schools Week	H4 People need to want to come
H7 Christmas Tree Festival	B4 Planting in Prayer follow up	B9 Youth Club	M5 Unite Christian Churches
C3 Jt. Fund Raising	H1/B5 Q7a sessions on Moral Values	B12 Keep Church Door Open	
M1 Welcome Pack	M7 Pet Service	M6 Youth Worship	
M9 Lent Course	M3 Joint PCC Events		
B2/C1 Regular Family Services	M8 Large Print Service Sheets		
P1/B7 Sunday School	B13 Concert with Christian Band		
B10 Drop in Centre in Church.	P2/M4 Rogation Service with Tea		
	H2 Explain Christian Basics		
	H3/C6 Make Worship Special		
	H5 Church Club		
	H6 Renewal of Marriage Vows		
	C4/7 Welcome Friendship Unthreatening		
	C5 Involve more people		
	C8 Weekday Worship		
	M2 Discussions on MOIMM		

Initial letters and numbers refer to the 'Notes from Parishes' in Appendix 1. eg. H7 is the seventh item in the list from Huntsham.

**SUMMARY TABLE 2**

**APPENDIX 3**

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Social</b>	<b>Growth</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Crib Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Crib Service	<input type="checkbox"/> House Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Fund Raising	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Pack
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Family Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Lent Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Drop in Centre in Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Mag Circulation Communication {JS 10/2009}
<input type="checkbox"/> Planting in Prayer {AM/SL 9/2010}	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School	<input type="checkbox"/> Q&A Sessions on Moral Values #	<input type="checkbox"/> More Use of Building {ALL On going}	<input type="checkbox"/> Drop in Centre in Church
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Band {RW 10/2009}	<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Service {JS/PH 10/2009}	<input type="checkbox"/> Explain Christian Basics #		<input type="checkbox"/> More Use of Building {ALL On going.}
<input type="checkbox"/> Rogation Service {JS 5/2010}	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekday School Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Club		<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Concert
<input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Worship/ Make it Special {ALL On going}	<input type="checkbox"/> Church Schools Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussions on MOIMM #		<input type="checkbox"/> Variety of Worship/ Make it Special
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal of Marriage Vows {JS 5/2010}	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint PCC Events {ALL On going}		<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Friendship Unthreatening
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekday Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Worship	# {SL/JS 5-7/2010}		<input type="checkbox"/> Involve More People
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Service {JS/PH 10/2009}				<input type="checkbox"/> Joint PCC Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Large Print Service Sheets {AM/JS 9/2009}				
<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Church Door Open				

Numbers □, □ & □ refer to the columns in Summary Table 1 in Appendix 2

# These items will all be progressed together as a program of Discussion Group sessions

Shaded items are topics which will be included in a future Action Plan.