



Our Purpose, Values, Vision and Mission Action Plan October 2014

Our Purpose (why we exist)

To be passionate disciples of Jesus

Our Values (what matters to us and how we operate)

Christ Church seeks to be:

Worshipping and prayerful

Growing in our experience and understanding of God, eagerly giving ourselves to God through worship and prayer.

Biblical

Rooted in the Bible, deeply committed to living out the Bible in everyday life and growing more like Jesus.

Outgoing

A church for all, that together we may be outward focused, compassionate, caring, introducing others to Jesus, overflowing with His love - making an impact in our local communities for the Kingdom of God.

Community

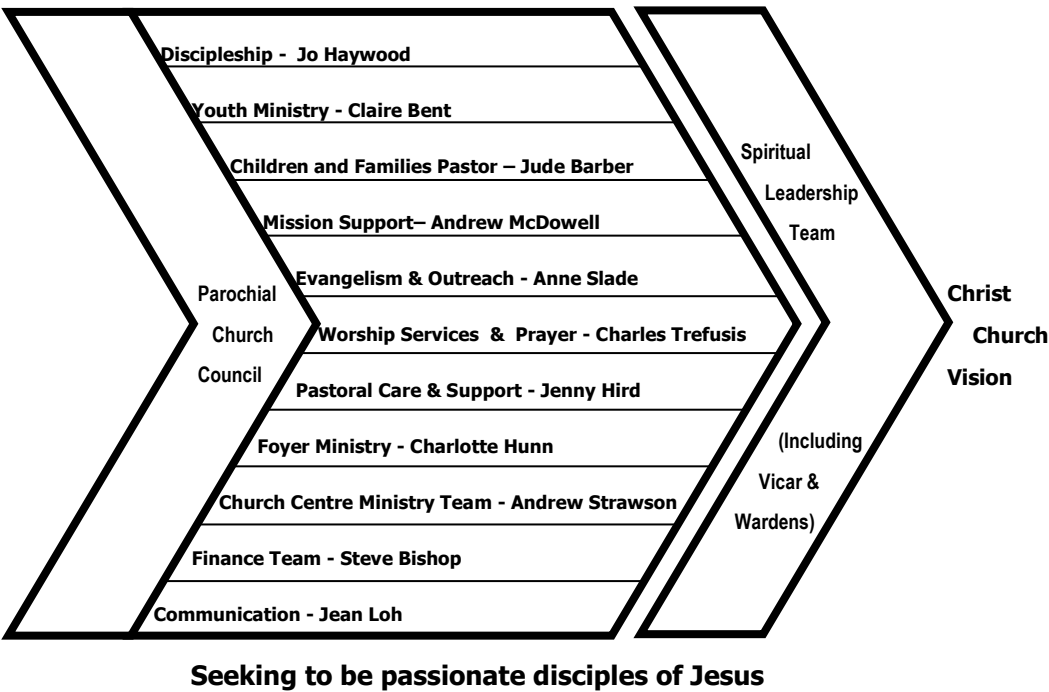
Deeply committed to one another, meeting together regularly, enjoying each other's company, having fun, and demonstrating generous acts of Christian love, service and unity.

Empowering

Where every member discovers and uses their God-given gifts, and empowered by God's Holy Spirit is willing to serve, witness and take risks for the Kingdom of God.

We are an **Anglican** Church (a part of the Diocese of Southwark), rooted in the **Evangelical** Tradition and believe that we are empowered by the **Holy Spirit**, looking expectantly for his work in our lives.

Christ Church Purley Leadership Structure



WORSHIP SERVICES & PRAYER



Over the last couple of years, we have continued to develop all our worship services; welcomed many new members and used the foyer effectively for fellowship; been creative in our services and prayer events.

By the end of 2015 we want say... that we have grown as a congregation with members of all ages, stages of faith and background eagerly meeting together to encounter Jesus and be drawn close to him, and who seek holiness and to live in the power of the Holy Spirit

To do this, we plan to:

- Develop and have a variety of worship styles, ensuring that they always remain fresh.
- Invest in our all age worship and services as well as to develop a creative team.
- Ensure that preaching is biblical and well applied to daily life, and that prayer and prayer events are fresh, relevant and different.
- Develop prayer ministry, response and testimony.
- Launch a new midweek service of Holy Communion.



Our Vision (what we seek to become by the grace of God)

We see Christ Church as a dynamic, vibrant body of Christian believers committed to fulfilling a common purpose, summarised as:

Going: reaching out into the local community with practical and caring ministries; sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ; intentionally developing our church centre (including Foyer) as a bridge into the local community; supporting appropriate Christian mission and being a strong Christian presence and support in Christ Church School and other schools.

Gathering: with the congregation growing spiritually and numerically; eagerly meeting together to encounter Jesus and to live in the power of the Holy Spirit; growing in quality of friendship and having fun; meeting in dynamic, growing small groups where everyone develops accountable relationships, With all member caring for one another, motivated by the compassion of Jesus.

Growing: where every member is disciplined, equipped and encouraged to grow in their faith empowered by the Holy Spirit, as together we seek to be 'passionate disciples of Jesus'; developing the spiritual disciplines including daily Bible reading and prayer; discerning their gifts, and gives generously of their time, gifts and financial resources; equipped to be a strong Christian witness in daily life; encouraged to take risks for the Kingdom of God.

Our Vision reflects the sense that we believe that God wants to do, and is indeed doing, a 'new thing' in us and through us as a church. In response, we each need to be willing to step out in faith and to 'take risks' for Him – trusting, believing and expectant of His supernatural power, with the conviction that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Our Mission Action Plan (outline the more detailed plans how we are going to achieve our Vision)

This Mission Action Plan seeks to outline the development of the mission and ministry of Christ Church over the next three years, giving detail to our vision as a church, and comprises of individual mission action plans prayerfully drawn up by each of the different Ministry Teams. They describe what we are going to 'do' and the actions required by the grace of God in order to fulfill the bigger vision, mission and ministry of the church.

Our Mission Action Plan is not set in stone and will be reviewed and updated annually as we seek to be open to the prompting, leading, guiding and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in all we do.

Particular priorities over the coming year include:

- To grow spiritually as a congregation (including our Sunday worship and prayer), encouraging a greater openness to the Holy Spirit and willingness to take risks for the Kingdom of God.
- To develop our 20's to 30's (Ignite), and to explore ways to specifically reach 20-30 year olds.
- To grow as Christian disciples including in Christian leadership, our house groups, men's and women's ministries.
- To introduce a new monthly midweek service.
- To continue to invest in our Children's and Family Ministry, Youth Ministry and Foyer Outreach Ministry.
- To set up a counseling ministry at Christ Church, and partnering with other church a CAP Debt Centre in Purley.
- To encourage every member to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action, providing training and encouragement and as a church to reach out into the local community.
- To support our mission and ministry as a church by investing in and enhancing our communication and administration, maintaining, refurbishing and enhancing our buildings, and appointing a caretaker.

Charles Trefusis
Vicar

YOUTH MINISTRY

Over the past couple of years we have invested in young people as relational evangelists, Friday night out reach and cell groups, organised a youth mission to Uganda, School of Theology and other events.



By the end of 2015 we want to say... that Christ Church Youth Ministry has reached young people and provided a place of belonging in Gods family, where they have expressed their relationship with God and become equipped to live for God, and are reaching their fullest potential.

To achieve this, we plan to:

- Continue to invest in our Friday Night open youth work.
- Develop Christ Church Community Youth Theatre Company as an effective tool to serve and reach young people.
- Invest in our young people as relational evangelists and pastors within their peer groups.
- Continue to provide opportunities for intentional discipleship & learning - such as mentoring, one-to-one work, School of Theology and more.



PASTORAL MINISTRY



Over the past couple of years we have developed our welcome, cared for one another through house groups as well as the bereaved, those with mental health needs and responded to individual needs.

By the end of 2015 we want to say... that we have helped bring people into God's Kingdom by showing God's love in a number of ways: caring, supporting, serving, listening and encouraging. Show the love of God in a sacrificial way.

To do this, we plan to:

- Continue welcoming people proactively both on Sundays and weekdays.
- Encouraging new people to join house groups.
- Spent time together socially on Saturday morning events, at Fellowship lunches (Munch) and other times.
- Recruit more people to join the pastoral team .
- Continue reaching out with compassion to those attending Bereavement Support Group, Mid week Fellowship, the Drop In as well as our Learning disabled members so that they may experience the love of God.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Over the last couple of years we have appointed a Children's and Family Pastor, re-launched Children's ministry and launched a weekly school Christian club, Extravaganzas, 'Easter Cracked' and many other events and activities.



By the end of 2015 we want to say... that we have developed our Children's and Family Ministry so that all are able to come to God fully, wholeheartedly and passionately; worshiping and following Him without barrier, hindrance or restraint through accessible, creative and Spirit-filled opportunities to develop a genuine relationship with Him.

To do this, we plan to:

- Continue to implement and develop excellent Children's ministry as part of each child's discipleship (including 'Explosive!', Toddler Church and C4).
- Evaluate, develop and create accessible, engaging and authentic all-age worship services through the T4 team as well as reaching out to families through family extravaganzas and other events.
- Support and encourage pastorally, children and their families.
- Develop educational outreach programmes, events, workshops, assemblies and IN-SET to raise the profile of Christianity in schools in the locality.



CHURCH CENTRE MINISTRY TEAM



Over the last couple of years we have continued to maintain the buildings. Improvements started include fitting double glazing to the halls and office, providing improved storage and modernised the AV system in the church.

By the end of 2015 we want to say... that we have enhanced buildings that enable us to carry out and develop our mission within the congregation and in the wider community.

To do this, we plan to:

- Maintain our buildings in good condition and employ a part-time caretaker.
- Refurbish the old hall kitchen and transform the old toilets into a new office.
- Continue to update and improve the IT/AV systems, and enable the service to be seen and heard in the small hall and foyer.
- Investigate the feasibility of turning the stage area into another meeting room.



MISSION

Over the past couple of years we have increased awareness, supported prayerfully and financially, held one off events, organised youth and adult missions to Africa, sent individuals and groups to visit and support mission partners.



By the end of 2015 we want to say... that we are outward focussed, aware of and actively engaging with world wide mission, and have a desire to bring about the Kingdom of God on earth.

To do this, we plan to:

- Provide varied presentations of mission and world needs.
- Actively engage in issues of social justice .
- Provide teaching and promote different ways that people can serve God in a Mission context.
- Ensure the congregation is aware of issues and prayer points.



FOYER OUTREACH



Over the past 18 months since opening we have served drinks, homemade cakes and snacks to over 5000 people. We've met countless new people and building numerous relationships and contacts as a bridge into the community.

By the end of 2015 we want to say... that we have developed the Foyer outreach ministry serving excellent coffee and have made contact with those who live locally.

To do this we plan to:

- Make the Foyer a bridge from the church into the community.
- Provide an excellent welcome to the school and local communities in order for us to maximize opportunities to reflect Jesus' love.
- have a close knit team of volunteers who enjoy serving together.



COMMUNICATION

Over the last couple of years we have increased our staffing staffing and hours due to increasing demand through the year, developed our publicity and communications, and updated the IT equipment.



By the end of 2015 we want to say... that we will have a new look, up to date fully interactive website, revised weekly email and a social media presence. Improved communication through leaflets and notice boards.

To do this, we plan to:

- Completely redevelop the website.
- Re-launch and redesign weekly emails and leaflets.
- Manage the new Buildings, keep them well maintained, well advertised and appropriately priced.
- Create a new office environment.
- Provide administrative support for staff.



DISCIPLESHIP TEAM MINISTRY



Over the last couple of years we have helped people grow in their discipleship including identifying their spiritual gifts, 20's – 30's ministry and developed seeds resource centre and have 20 house groups.

By the end of 2015 we want to say... that all members of the fellowship are supported in suitable small groups and are better equipped to grow and deepen their faith.

To do this, we plan to:

- Empower new leaders by running a 'Growing Leaders' course.
- Review house groups to increase responsiveness to needs of members.
- Worship and grow as a fellowship at New Wine events (including the National Gathering at Shepton Mallet).
- Develop Womens' and Mens' ministry including training days.
- Have a flourishing Seeds resource centre stocking teaching materials, books, CDs, DVDs and Bible notes.



EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH



Over the past couple of years we have helped people come or return to faith, run Alpha and other events and reached out into the community through town centre chaplains, healing on the streets, food hub and the night shelter.

By the end of 2015 we want to say... that members are equipped to be strong Christian witnesses, and the Church has reached out to the community both in practical and caring ways.

To do this, we plan to:

- Run an appropriate equipping course through the house groups with encouragement within the services.
- Continue to run Alpha.
- Support existing ministries and one-off events such as Carousel, Jigsaw, Croydon Floating Night Shelter and the veteran car rally.
- Encourage new ministries such as Hope for those parenting alone, 20-30's and CAP debt counselling.

