

OTTER VALE MISSION COMMUNITY DRAFT MISSION ACTION PLAN : NOTES

THE UNDERLYING AIM OF THE OTTER VALE MISSION COMMUNITY is to support each parish church, and each of our church schools, to grow in, and share their faith in Christ.

THE SIX HEADINGS - PRAYER, WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, TRAINING, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND MISSION - and the shared aims listed under each on the grid were suggested by the MC staff and introduced to all congregations as part of the MOiMM process, followed by opportunities for discussion and feedback. These were then agreed by each PCC. Each church was then asked to interpret the general plan in the light of its own situation, identifying particular needs and priorities. It was made clear that not every church will necessarily feel that it has priority action points under every heading, and that those identified may well change on review. For many of the smaller churches, action may consist of publicising provision at neighbouring churches.

ACTION POINTS recorded on the grid are indicative of each church's focus at the present time: they are not a complete record of all that is proposed. More comprehensive individual mission action plans are available if needed. Each action plan should be reviewed annually before the APCM.

JOINT MISSION COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- * MC staff meet to pray and plan once a month approx.
- * MC staff and churchwardens meet together 4 times a year. We operate a shared fund for eg. joint training costs.
- * Shared worship: each year there is a shared Choral Evensong, and shared Advent Carol Service. Smaller groups of churches may combine at other times.
- * Most training is shared: eg. marriage preparation
 - leading intercessions
 - leading worship / speaking in a service
 - presentation skills
 - confirmation
- * Other events eg. concerts, fetes, social events, fundraising events are publicised and supported across the MC.
- * Otherwise, we aim to be willing to support one another wherever possible with human and / or material resources.

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	Prayer	Worship	Discipleship	Training	Community	Mission
Agreed MC vision	To ensure all we do is rooted in a discipline of prayer	To ensure we provide a range of different forms of worship	To enable Christians to grow, at every stage of life/ faith	To develop a framework of training for lay people	To respond to the needs in our local communities	To develop ways of sharing our faith and sparking vision
Church	INDIVIDUAL CHURCH ACTION POINTS					
Alfington		Encourage young families to Rainbow and festival services	Possible occasional (eg Lent) home group	Meeting with Diocesan Rural Officer; others to be invited.	Develop role as sole community group	Continue to provide focus for community events.
Colaton Raleigh	To recognize the importance of prayer in everything we do.	Encourage lay leaders. Improve temperature of building! To try more frequent Family Services and gauge people's response.	Publicise courses, clubs etc. within MC and encourage take-up	MC training for leading (family) worship	Encourage individual Christians in their involvement in village groups and activities outside the church.	Advertise church to community as place for quiet reflection. Reach out to families (see Worship).
Harpford		Maintain BCP worship for those throughout MC who value it.			Discuss with the hall committee what arrangements in the future will best serve the village.	Develop contact with baptism/wedding/ funeral families + special services
Newton Poppleford	Prayer as the foundation of all we do. Explore prayer breakfasts as well as monthly prayer meetings.	Experiment with a new pattern of fewer but better All-Age services. Nurture lay leaders.	Nurture work with Children / YP. Encourage all to belong to home group. Expand work with elderly and lonely.	Encourage succession planning for all roles. Provide training for the prayer ministry team.	Building work to provide toilets, kitchen, meeting space and storage following the fire in 2010.	Build on work with families especially through Tea & Toast.

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Tipton with Venn Ottery	Encourage personal prayer + increase opps for prayer in parish	Continue to offer a variety of styles of worship plus special services for the wider community.	To encourage and support our home groups. Support young people through TYC and Chill Out groups.	Make full use of team and Diocesan training	Support pastoral visiting team. Build contact w school + pre-school children. Support link w Angela Court .	Improve contact with baptism/wedding/funeral families
Ottery St Mary	Prayer board; response to need/town prayers Prayer ministry after services	Enabling children/young people; look at times/places other than Sunday/church encourage lay leading. Café church.	Introduction to the Bible course; more sharing in small groups; encourage ongoing learning.	Recognise/offer own and others' gifting. Provide 'mentoring'.	Welcome packs. Explore 'Good Neighbour scheme (with CTIO)	Develop children's art/craft playscheme'. Provide 'intro to faith' opportunities. With CTIO look at possible youth worker.
Escot, Feniton & Payhembury	Monthly EPF prayer gp. and for special times. Small prayer groups/partners.	Develop new forms / times of worship. Encourage movement between parishes	Develop men's/women's/study groups. Themed teaching. Develop church library.	Encourage take-up of MissComm and Diocesan training. Use skills within parishes.	Support church Schools in all possible ways. Visiting team. Welcome packs.	Children's groups. Better publicity for events. Support for personal involvement / witness in community.
West Hill		Creche; soundproof Narthex; encourage children into choir			Social evenings / lunches; preschool activities	2011 flower Festival. More contact with uniformed Organisations
Wiggaton		Look for ways of involving local young families, especially at festival times	Possible occasional (eg Lent) home group		Develop role as sole community group in Wiggaton	Continue to provide focus for community events