

Mission Action Plan 2017

By November 2017

- i. Discipleship group for older people [HOPE] – 26/04
- ii. Regular times of testimony built in to our services
- iii. Ministry Team available for all 11.00 services [+ some 9.15]
- iv. Letter of understanding between PCC and PreSchool
- v. Explore united Youth Services and try one out
- vi. Devise regular pattern of events around ‘sowing and reaping’
- vii. Revised All-age format with constant core team
- viii. Revised Mission Partner scheme

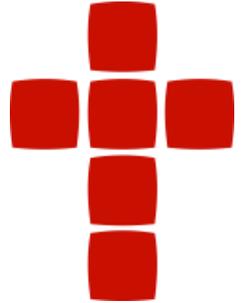
By July 2018

- i. Monthly Sunday evening service of praise and prayer
- ii. Monthly litter-pick and prayer in different areas of parish
- iii. Regular [monthly?] Messy Church
- iv. Run the SHAPE Course as widely as possible [gift discovery]
- v. Plan and run Church Weekend [March 2018?]
- vi. Develop communication strategy for ‘provoking the parish’
- vii. Engage with Town-wide Mission

By the end of 2019

- i. Revise Homegroups with a regional emphasis
- ii. Church extension with toilet and refreshment facilities
- iii. Grow the number of younger leaders – general / teaching / worship
- iv. Develop plans of St Francis’ site to connect more fully with community

St Francis’ Church 2017 Mission Action Plan [MAP]



There’s nothing magical about a Mission Action Plan. It’s a tool to help us discern and express our understanding of the priorities God has for us as a church as we seek to carry on the Mission of Jesus in our place and time.

While God’s mission is unchanging, how it is put into practice varies according to priorities or timing. You might think of Jesus whose mission stayed constant but who spent the initial part of his ministry avoiding confrontation in Jerusalem but made it his priority when it was the right time.

So a MAP isn’t set in concrete although it does try to set out some firm objectives which are **Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Resourced and Time-based [SMART]**. But our actions should arise from understanding who we are and where we are as a church. So before working out these details of vision and mission, PCC felt it was important to articulate our Identity, Purpose and Values as a church. That led first to the following.

The Purpose of St Francis’ Church

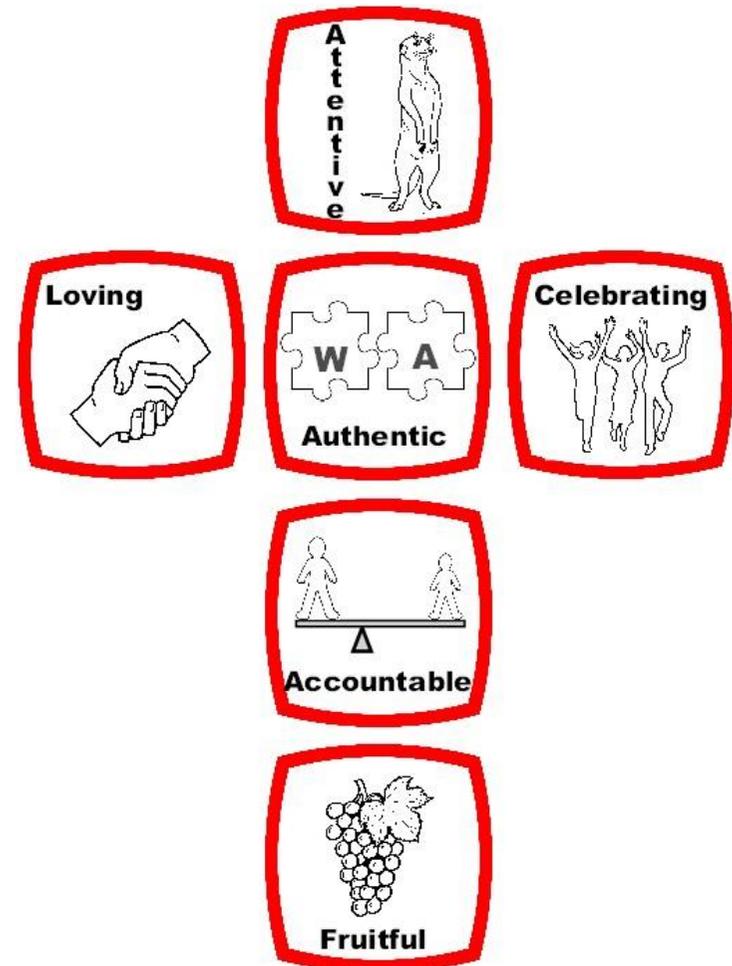
**We exist as an open, all-age community,
centred upon the life-changing love of Jesus
and being salt and light among our neighbours**

The Values of St Francis' Church

These are the attributes or characteristics we want associated with our church. They inform our behaviour and while some may be already evident, others will be more aspirational.

- Attentive** Keeping alert to God's voice in Word, Spirit and circumstance, and obedient as we follow where He leads.
- Authentic** Being true to God by matching our actions to our words so others encounter His living presence among us
- Accountable** Challenging each other as we discern our individual Spiritual giftings and use them together in building God's kingdom.
- Fruitful** Abiding in Jesus and allowing God to shape us, making us more effective in service and witness.
- Loving** Responding to God's love in Jesus by generously sharing all He provides through prayerful listening and practical support
- Celebrating** Joyfully recognising God's goodness through shared stories that enliven us and glorify Him.

We will be exploring these Values in a series of Sunday Sermons after Pentecost 2017 and in Homegroups. We hope the following adaptation of our Church Logo will act as a visual reminder



Taking all of this into account and 'listening' to all the sheets church members wrote down on the 26th February 2017, the PCC has worked on a set of actions which we hope reflect practically and purposefully where The Lord is leading us at this time.

The MAP overleaf is our current working document and we will be pressing on to make these actions happen. PCC would be glad to hear people's views. We invite everybody to participate in prayer and to be involved in any other way they can.