

Mission Action Plan - March 2017

Our Details

Name of Parish
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MAP Contact Person

St Mary's, Oakley
Sharnbrook
Church Wardens

Graham Palmer or Hilarie Worley

Amended and Adopted by PCC – March 2017

Our Looking

Three things we have seen about our parish and world.

- 1] Caring for others in times of need, support for charities in the village, within the UK and overseas.
- 2] Support from the village for building the Garden of Remembrance
- 3] Friendly village.

Three things we have seen about our church.

- 1] A really well cared for Church in a wonderful location on the road through the village.
- 2] Outreach and fellowship through cream teas and Messy Church.
- 3] Strong links with the village, ecumenical partnership with the Methodist church, bi-annual village carnival, coffee mornings, Christmas Tree Lighting and the Parish Council. Events shared with the Methodist Church, Footprints [an after school club], Good Friday worship and children's workshop, Women's world day of prayer, AMIGOS [Anglican's and Methodist's in Greater Oakley] fellowship group and coffee mornings in church.

Our Discerning

Our Vision is – to be a focal point for the community, a friendly, outward looking church, with a larger congregation, intergenerational with more families.

Our Priorities are

- 1] A welcoming Friendly Church
- 2] Explore further links with the community.
- 3] Growth of congregation and more inclusive services.

Our Goals are

- 1] Develop Messy Church further – a Messy Sunday Church by expanding the children's corner craft table, as well as on Thursdays and growing links with local schools.
- 2] Re-decorate the interior of the church.
- 3] Further develop the Christmas tree lighting event, building on the success of last years innovation.
- 4] Deal with the Quinquennial repairs to the church building – plasterwork.
- 5] Find creative ways for encouraging new Christians into discipleship through new ways of communication [email], concerts, Mothering Sunday, Fathers Day BBQ and sketches and lively music in services. Celebration of renewal of wedding vows. Open church Sunday in June [with Tower bell ringing], Carnival Service and social and fund raising at 'Indian Summer' on 9th October.