

Sedgemoor Deanery Mission Action Plan

Mission and Evangelism at the heart of all we do.

Our Deanery Mission Action Plan is all about growth, mission, evangelism and discipleship. In this it echoes both the Diocesan Strategy (see overleaf) and Archbishop Justin's goals for the national church:

- to seek the common good,
- to reimagine ministry,
- to grow the church.

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' Jesus

This is a living document. It will only be as effective as the efforts of each individual. We hope that something in this plan inspires you to pray for and to support the events and ongoing development.



OUR DIOCESAN VISION

In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be God's people, living and telling the story of Jesus.

OUR DIOCESAN PRIORITIES

- To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do.
- To realign our ministry resources towards mission.
- To identify, develop and use the gifts of all our people

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'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' Jesus



Living the story. Telling the story.



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'Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' Jesus.

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(Version 2)



Putting Mission and Evangelism at the heart of all we do

PRAYER AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO

- Build on the existing prayer life of each church
- Encourage each church to pray for the key Deanery plans for growth
- Develop a prayer hub in the Deanery, including monthly prayer gatherings and prayer guides

MINISTRY TO MEN

- Research what men's work there is
- Share ideas and resources about what is currently happening
- Support the new initiatives such as Men's Sheds, Christian Vision for Men
- Offer support and training

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK

- Collate and share what is happening in each parish/school/other places
- Establish needs and develop a plan to meet them

BUILD WIDER LINKS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES

- Parish level: share good practices and ideas
- Ecumenical level: ensure named links for initiatives to aid sharing of information
- Deanery level: identify unreached areas and research possibilities
- Equip people to live and tell their stories in their daily lives
- Support the Deanery Mission Enabler *'Love your neighbour yourself.'* Jesus

OCCASIONAL OFFICES FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

- Share good practice and resources
- Develop these occasions as opportunities for evangelism and discipleship
- Consider how to make the most of the contacts made

And in all these things seek to identify,
develop & use the gifts of all people



Realigning our ministry resources towards mission

RESHAPE DEANERY SYNOD

- To re-orientate the agenda and format of synod meetings in order to encourage mission
- To improve communication within and between churches and other ministries.

PROVIDE TRAINING WHERE NEEDED

- To encourage parishes to provide training where needed and to share across parish boundaries where appropriate.
- Provide support and training for growth: discipleship, evangelism, leading worship
- To ensure all necessary and required safeguarding training is undertaken

PRACTICAL NEEDS AND SUPPORT

- To find out what is happening
- To share expertise
- Be alert to needs and provide signposts to resources