

# MISSION ACTION PLAN 2018

**ST BARNABAS, FENDALTON**

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Creating and redeeming God,  
by your Spirit you call people out of darkness  
into your glorious light,  
strengthen us to work with you in your world,  
so that where there is darkness there may be light,  
where there is despair there may be hope,  
where there is selfishness there may be generosity,  
that together we may cooperate with you as you build your Church,  
for the glory and praise of your name  
and for the good of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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## INTRODUCTION

This Mission Action Plan is the culmination of a process that began just after the reopening of our church in February 2017. Vestry had been concerned for some time, that for over six years, we were expending considerable time and effort on the church repair project including fundraising and the parish's part in the management of the project itself. As a result the Parish Strategy Team (PST) was formed to help Vestry focus on the future, and the particular direction God might be leading us.

The PST recognised that our parish is strong with large numbers of people committed to our ministries and mission but we needed a way to inspire, coordinate and direct this effort. People who are new to the parish also needed a way to get involved and make a contribution. A full list of current groups, ministries and outreach programmes can be found in Appendix 3.

This Mission Action Plan is a culmination of the work of the PST and is intended not only to present a plan for growth, but also to release energy and excitement so that together we can know the joy of following Christ and participate in building God's kingdom.

I hope that you're able to find a quiet spot somewhere so you can prayerfully read and reflect on this Mission Action Plan. There is considerable information contained in these pages, however the main point that is being made is that, in spite of the many challenges facing churches today, we are still able to grow both in numbers and in spiritual maturity. The news media constantly runs stories about the decline of the church, however our research suggests that it is nominalism that is shrinking and that the core of many churches remains strong with the potential to grow. However this does depend on us having a clear set of goals, working together and finding joy and passion in what we are doing.

When you think about the way you joined St Barnabas, there is a good chance you were attracted to one of our worship services and encountered there, a sense of God's presence and the love and fellowship that binds Christians together. Worship is our fundamental response to the love and goodness of God who has saved us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer is the way we seek, engage with and come to know God more and more.

Furthermore worship and prayer has the capacity to enrich, challenge and transform our lives. The fundamental message of the Christian faith is that there is a God, God loves us and God wants to transform us by his Spirit - not just individually but in communities we call the Church. Being called to help build up the Church as God's bridgehead into society and God's lighthouse that shines out his love, is the greatest of all human callings.

I have been the Vicar of St Barnabas for over seven years, and we have been through many things together - hard, sad times as well as joys and successes. I have grown in my knowledge, respect and trust of the people of our parish and know that God is with us and wants to accomplish great things through us. We have not been thrown together randomly – God has brought us together to accomplish God's good will in this place and at this time.

So will you continue to work with me to help our parish grow? Will you pray with me and ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into God's harvest field? Will you make your commitment to St Barnabas a priority so that our church can grow in its vocation to be a beacon of hope in our community and city?

I invite you to think about the ways that our parish is at a cross roads. We can keep doing the things we've always done and gradually decline or we can we do some different and courageous things. By God's grace much has already been achieved, but now we're called to stretch out even more and work to build up the church and to carry forward the gospel of

hope to our community and beyond. Will you join me in whatever capacities you can offer God? I trust that you will, so that together we can continue to build God's church.

*Rev Mark Chamberlain*

## **PARISH HISTORY AND PRESENT PROFILE**

Since its establishment in 1876 the Parish of Fendalton has been a thriving Anglican, community-based parish with capable and energetic clergy and lay leadership. The emphasis has been, and continues to be, worship and prayer. Before the First World War the parish raised funds to build St Thomas Church on Straven Rd. This demonstrated the commitment of the parish to children's ministry and a desire to reach out to the families of the parish to offer Christian teaching and pastoral care.

The stone church of St Barnabas was consecrated in 1926 and later the Hall and Administration Building (originally a Sunday School block) were completed. These buildings bear silent witness to the commitment the parish had to developing a strong base for its mission and ministry. There is an emphasis on having functional buildings as a strong base for ministry and mission.

St Barnabas continues to be a welcoming, inclusive parish with a commitment to good liturgy, engaging preaching, the Eucharist, prayer and service in a variety of ways.

Today the Anglican parish of St Barnabas continues these themes. There is a strong emphasis on pastoral care throughout the parish. Children and young people are encouraged in faith. St Barnabas is a broad parish that celebrates its diversity while continuing to hold to the historic, creedal Christian faith.

But St Barnabas has not stood still. There are new themes and ministries that has been strengthened in recent times by our strong connection with the Tongan community and many others who have been introduced through English Language course and our close proximity to the University of Canterbury. We now provide a variety of services to cater for the needs of young and old, traditional and contemporary.

There are many ways in which St Barnabas reaches out to the community including ministries for children, families, youth, young adults, those in mid-life and the elderly. The parish is the lead church in the 24-7 youth service to Boys' High and the Vicar is the chaplain to both staff and boys at Medbury. Ongoing contact with many hundreds of students and teachers represents a wonderful opportunity to promote the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our children continue to be well catered for with Playgroup, Mainly Music, Friday Zone, Kidzone and Messy Church. All these ministries bring children and their families into contact with the wider St Barnabas family.

The older people in the parish continue to have a great social network with the Selwyn Centre, Bus trips, AAW and Men's group, all providing a caring environment. Our Pastoral Care continues to grow and becomes more important as families become more diverse and are not always there to give immediate support.

The Parish has always had a strong commitment to the Christchurch Diocese and over the years many of our members have been able to share their expertise on Diocesan committees and boards. Our engagement with other parishes continues to grow and again is a large part of our outreach.

Since the repair of our church it has once again become a popular venue for weddings, baptisms and funerals as well as some community events.

Let us continue to grow in all these areas and make our presence felt in this and the wider community by welcoming new people into our family and continuing our outreach to all in physical and/or spiritual need.

## **DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY**

Research was undertaken in the parish which consists of the following area; Follow Ilam Rd north on the west side of the University of Canterbury to Wairakei Rd, follow Wairakei Rd south east to Wairarapa Tce, then on to Garden Rd to Hagley Park. Then go west up Matai St East to the Avon River. Follow the Avon, cutting through Straven Rd, Kahu Rd and Clyde Rd to the intersection with Ilam Rd.

The people who live in the Fendalton parish are, in general, prosperous. The data tells us that most people in Fendalton live comfortably in small households and are well resourced to deal with life's challenge. This was confirmed by those interviewed.

Locals were positive about the attractive physical environment, and the accessibility of amenities. Some, but not all Fendalton people, feel a sense of connection and belonging. The presence of strong community organisations, high numbers of people invested in volunteering and very high numbers of hours worked by volunteers, reflect a strong social conscience.

What does this all mean for the parish? It might be helpful to remember that in the Gospels, those who were most responsive to Christ were those who were aware of their need. Writer and theologian Fredrick Buechner said "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Is it possible that God is calling us to reach beyond the people of our immediate parish to those who are poor, marginalised, lonely, fearful and simply not coping with modern life?

## **ENGAGEMENT SURVEY**

A total of 83 individuals and families responded to the parish engagement survey during September 2017. Of those who participated, over 60 were over 50 years of age and 36 were over 70 years old. Over 40 respondents have had an association with St Barnabas parish for over 25 years, with over 29 with 40 years connection with the parish!

These results speak of people who are committed to the parish for the long term, and who are still interested and inspired about being part of the future ministry of St Barnabas. Most of the survey results are included in Appendix 4.

The values, listed in priority order, associated with St Barnabas and resulting from the survey feedback were;

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| 1. Worship       | Giving of ourselves to God in worship and devotion            |
| 2. Community     | Belonging to and being built up by being part of God's people |
| 3. Welcoming     | Being an inclusive, welcoming, hospitable Christian community |
| 4. Prayer        | Engaging with God in prayer, silence, community or alone      |
| 5. Hospitality   | Reaching out to new people with the love and care of God      |
| 6. Spirituality  | Growing in our capacity to know and love God                  |
| 7. Outreach      | Sharing faith with newcomers and those outside the Church     |
| 8. Aroha         | Loving, caring, forgiving and showing mercy to others         |
| 9. Communion     | Receiving the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist       |
| 10. Manaakitanga | Being blessed by God and being a blessing to others           |

There was a good spread of respondents representing a wide range of services, ages and years of belonging to the parish, which points to a strong foundation and a community of people who want to see God's will continue to be worked out through the parish into the future.

The top ten values listed above were taken from a list of 30 possible values. The original list was formulated by the PST.

## **SPECIFIC GOALS FOR THE NEXT 1 - 2 YEARS**

The following eight goals came out of the Brainstorming exercise that took place in November, 2017. They have been reviewed by both Staff and Vestry and these groups believe that working towards these goals will help our parish grow in the next year or two.

You will notice that these goals are relatively modest with a number of them already being worked on and in some cases completed. We believe that this will give encouragement to everyone. However there were a number of ideas that were suggested at the Brainstorming time that were aspirational and needed a much longer time frame to implement. These ideas have not been forgotten but will be revisited at a later time when we renew this document. See Appendix 4.

The following eight goals have been laid out in the order of our Parish Mission Statement. Further details about the implementation of these goals may be found in Appendix 1.

### **1. Grow the Small Groups and support and resource leaders**

- Jesus ministered, taught and modelled a life of service and holiness to his 12 disciples. The intention of our mid-week small groups is to be like the band of disciples where the Christian life of prayer, study, pastoral care and service can be learned.
- "So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing." 1 Thess 5:11. "Bear one another's burdens..." Gal 6:2
- We want to appoint a Small Group Coordinator who can encourage new people to join a small group, resource and encourage leaders and generally coordinate our Small Group ministry.

### **2. Respond to Newcomers with a warm welcome**

- A warm welcome and hospitality are fundamental values to the Christian faith where our love is shown to regular worshipers and newcomers alike.
- "So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him." Luke 15:20
- We want to become better at welcoming newcomers, providing them with good printed material and inviting them to newcomers lunches.

### **3. Develop the Ministry of Every Member of the Church**

- Jesus calls us all into his kingdom and together we make up his Body here on earth. In order for the Church to fulfil its vocation and for people to feel that they belong, it is important that the gifts, experiences and talents of people are recognised and used for the building up of God's Kingdom.
- "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12

- We want to get better at helping people belong to our church through participation in meaningful, relevant ministries according to their gifts and experiences.
- 4. Run an Alpha Course in 2018**
- Jesus commissioned his early followers to carry the good news to all peoples. It is therefore incumbent upon us to reach out to friends, relatives and colleagues with the good news of Jesus Christ.
  - "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19
  - We want to help people come to know Jesus by inviting them to an Alpha Course in 2018.
- 5. Fill the position of Lifestreams Band Coordinator**
- Worship is a fundamental calling of all Christians. We delight to give God our thanks and praise day by day and Sunday by Sunday.
  - "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1
  - We will appoint a skilled musician and worship leader to the position of Lifestreams Band Coordinator to strengthen the band and lead Sunday worship.
- 6. Begin a new Intermediate age Youth Group**
- For many years, St Barnabas has actively supported and encouraged young people to follow Christ. This is also a strategic and important age when young people are faced with many life choices.
  - "O God, You have taught me from my youth, and I still declare your wondrous deeds." Psalm 71:17
  - We want to begin a new intermediate aged youth group (years 7 and 8) so that the young people can socialise, learn and receive encouragement to respond to Christ.
- 7. Develop and extend the care of the elderly of our parish**
- We have a large number of seniors in our parish who have served Christ their whole lives. We must provide excellent pastoral care for them and anyone who seeks the support, encouragement and blessing of the Church.
  - "Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord." James 5:14
  - We want to appoint a well trained Pastoral Care Coordinator to visit parishioners, strengthen our Lay Pastoral Care Team and extend this ministry.
- 8. Present research on the link between faith and mental health**
- Meaning, purpose and hope are the gifts of God to all those who follow Jesus Christ. There is a large body of research that suggests that faith in God is a positive factor in mental health and human flourishing. We want to apply this knowledge in the way we undertake Pastoral Care at St Barnabas.
  - "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea." Psalm 46:1-2
  - This will involve a literature search on this topic. The fulfilment of this goal will be part of the Pastoral Care Coordinator's Job Description.

## APPENDIX I IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KEY OBJECTIVES

### I ENABLING PEOPLE TO GROW IN FAITH AND SERVICE

OBJECTIVES	TASKS	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING	REVIEW
<b>To increase the number of people who are in Small Groups and to support and resource the leaders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoint a Small Group Coordinator (SGC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A volunteer who agrees to the role</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By May, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vestry</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support leaders through contact, prayer, resources and meeting together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pew Sheet</li> <li>Communication</li> <li>Bible Study Guides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar and SGC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This could begin to happen from Feb. 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage more people to join a Small Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pew Sheet</li> <li>Mooring Post</li> <li>AGM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar and SGC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This could begin to happen from Feb. 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify, train and commission new leaders to begin new groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
<b>To respond to Newcomers with a warm welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage parishioners to wear name tags</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name tags</li> <li>Church notices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parish Administrator</li> <li>Vicar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MAP Implementation Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage parishioners to reach out to Newcomers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notices</li> <li>Pewsheets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize regular Newcomers lunches</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Venue</li> <li>Lunch</li> <li>Host/Hostess</li> <li>Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar and People's Warden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In second and fourth term</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a Newcomers information pack</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printed materials</li> <li>Welcome booklet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By mid year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
<b>To develop the ministry of every member</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage new people to participate in worship through rostered ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First half of 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage Small Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Small Group Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discipleship and Evangelism</li> </ul>

	Leaders to encourage members to participate and experiment with ministries	n			Team
	• Encourage people to share their testimonies in church	• Time • Communication	• Vicar	• May, 2018	• Discipleship and Evangelism Team
<b>To run an Alpha Course in the second term</b>	• Appoint a person or group to run the course	• Finance	• Vicar	• May, 2018	• MAP Implementation Team
	• Run the Alpha Course	• Printed Materials • Hall or Tui Room • Finance	• Person or Group appointed	• Complete by end of third term	• Discipleship and Evangelism Team

## 2 FOSTERING INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP AND PRAYER

OBJECTIVES	TASKS	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING	REVIEW
<b>To establish a new position of Music Coordinator for Lifestreams</b>	• Budget for this new position	• Time • Money	• Vicar	• March, 2018	• Vestry
	• Advertise for applicants or select a suitably qualified person	• Time	• Vicar	• March, 2018	• Vestry
	• Write Job Description	• Time	• Vicar	• March, 2018	• Vestry
	• Prepare Employment Agreement	• Time	• Vicar	• March, 2018	• Vestry

### 3 ENCOURAGING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO FOLLOW JESUS

OBJECTIVES	TASKS	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING	REVIEW
To begin a new Intermediate age youth group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertise the intention to begin a new group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Pewsheets</li> <li>Mooring Post</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil Parkes and Vicar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan./Feb 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, Youth and YAMAT</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoint assistant youth leaders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth leaders</li> <li>Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil Parkes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan./Feb 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, Youth and YAMAT</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design the programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth program resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil Parkes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan./Feb 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, Youth and YAMAT</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch the new group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Money</li> <li>Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phil Parkes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan./Feb 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children, Youth and YAMAT</li> </ul>

### 4 DEVELOPING AS A COMPASSIONATE, SPIRITUAL CENTRE IN OUR COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVES	TASKS	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING	REVIEW
To develop and extend our care for the elderly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appoint a Pastoral Care Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vicar, Pauline and some members of Vestry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vestry</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer training for those involved in Pastoral Care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Venue</li> <li>Printed Material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral Care Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care and Outreach Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to the Pastoral Care Review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral Care Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care and Outreach Team</li> </ul>

### 5 SEEKING NEW WAYS TO CARRY FORWARD CHRIST'S MISSION NEARBY AND FAR AWAY

OBJECTIVES	TASKS	RESOURCES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMING	REVIEW
Present research on the link between faith and mental health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake a literature review on this topic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral Care Oversight Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Publish the information to the parish</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Printed Material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral Care Oversight Team</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrange a seminar on the topic for pastoral carers and others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time</li> <li>Venue</li> <li>Printed Material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care Coordinator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September, 2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral Care Oversight Team</li> </ul>

## **APPENDIX 2 SUPPORTING STATEMENTS**

It is important to ground our long-term strategy within the structure and guiding principles of our Parish, Diocese and the Anglican Communion of which we are a part. You will see that this Mission Action Plan finds its genesis and inspiration within these broad statements of purpose which are laid out below;

### **St Barnabas, Fendalton**

The vision of St Barnabas Parish, Fendalton is;

‘Following Jesus and extending God’s love’

The parish's Mission Statement is as follows and is :

- Fostering inspirational worship and prayer
- Enabling people to grow in faith and service
- Encouraging children and young people to follow Jesus
- Developing as a compassionate, spiritual centre in our community
- Seeking new ways of carrying forward Christ’s mission nearby and far away

### **Diocese of Christchurch**

The Strategic Plan of the Diocese of Christchurch outlines the following priorities<sup>1</sup>:

- Young Leaders: Raise up; encourage; educate; appoint and enable young people as leaders in our Diocese.
- Christ-Centred Mission: Christ is both our centre and the One we serve. We become Christ-like by furthering the Kingdom and further the Kingdom by becoming Christ-like.
- Faithful Stewardship: Of the Christian faith; environment; Diocesan properties and finances; time; talent and our heritage. Stewardship of the Christian faith includes how we offer theological education.

### **Anglican Communion**

The Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion are as follows<sup>2</sup>:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

All of these statements provide a foundation on which to base this Mission Action Plan, to help ground the recommendations we make and to draw strength from as we look to the future and seek God’s will for our Parish and our community.

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<sup>1</sup> Diocese of Christchurch, Strategic Plan 2009-2012, A5, Sept 2009

<sup>2</sup> Bonds of Affection-1984 ACC-6 p49, Mission in a Broken World-1990 ACC-8 p101. From <<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/identity/marks-of-mission.aspx>>

## **APPENDIX 3 CURRENT GROUPS, MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMMES**

The following is an attempt to provide a full list of groups, ministries and outreach programmes undertaken by the parish. The oversight of these ministry areas is undertaken by a Ministry Action Team. Currently there are ten of these teams who meet every month or two to pray, discuss the progress in their particular area, brainstorm ideas and to celebrate what God is doing in their particular area. The Ministry Action Teams themselves are not listed as separate groups.

### **Worship**

Morning Choir, Evening Choir, Scripture Reading, Prayers of the People, Sanctuary Guild, Flowers, Sidesmen, Communion Assistants, Welcomers, Lifestreams Band, Antioch Band, Messy Church

### **Prayer Ministry**

Monday Night Prayer Group, Stillpoint, Text Prayer Ministry, 9am Prayer Ministry, Lifestreams Prayer Ministry, Retreats, Prayer Candle Trolley,

### **Pastoral Care and Outreach**

Home Communion, Rest Home Services, Home Visiting, Hospital Visiting, Frozen Meals, Funerals, Marriages, Baptisms, Card Ministry, Holly Lea Visiting, City Mission Food Delivery, Aranui Christmas Hampers, Love in a Box, Operation Christmas Child, Financial Support, Community Fun Day, Selwyn Centre, English Language Class, Mentor a Migrant, Seniors Van Outing, Mission Near and Far, Bread Deliveries, Children's knitted beanies and jerseys.

### **Discipleship and Evangelism**

Alpha Course, Small Groups including Young Adults, Women at the Well and Quandaries, Lent Groups, Lectures/Seminars, Confirmation, Faith in Film, Cursillo,

### **Children Youth and Young Adults**

Bible in Schools, St Barnabas Play Group, Mainly Music, Fridayzone, Kidzone, The Revs, Senior Youth Group, Junior Youth Group, Youth Camps, 24-7 Youth Work, Youth Small Group.

### **Overseas Mission**

Overseas Mission Trip, Support of All Saints Tonga, Other Missions Projects and Appeals

### **Social and Hospitality**

Morning Tea, Breakfast, Antioch Hospitality, Lifestreams Lunch, Funeral Catering, St Thomas Light Meals, Men's Breakfasts, Men's Dinner, Alpha Course, Parish Events, Classical Sparks, Picnics, Double Tree Hilton Lunch.

### **Women/Men's Groups**

Daytime AAW Group, Inbetweens AAW Group, Christmas Soiree, Diocesan AAW events, Men's Breakfasts, Men's Dinners, Pub Night

### **Works**

Working Bee, Routine Gardening, Cleaning, 131 Fendalton Rd, Health and Safety

### **Wafer Room**

Volunteers, Wafer Room Cleaning

### **Communication**

Mooring Post Editorial Team, Sign on Front lawn, Print Media, Facebook Page, Website, Signage

### **Finance/Administration/Trust**

Vestry Meetings, PST Meetings, Bankers, Stewardship Team, Fundraising, Donations, Parish Fair, Quiz Night, Book Fair, Mooring Post, Book Fair, St Barnabas Fendalton Trust

## **APPENDIX 4    ADDITIONAL AND LONGER TERM IDEAS**

There were many future-looking ideas provided by the responses to the engagement survey and also in the parish visioning workshop. Below is a list of ideas in no specific order that Vestry and the PST may consider in more detail when the MAP is reviewed in 2 years time:

- A café or drop in facility that welcomes the community
- More combined celebration services
- More retreats/short term training courses
- More connections between generations
- Nurture and support the suffering
- Mentoring programme for young/single parents
- Being more intentional about spiritual growth and reaching out to the community
- More visiting preachers and sermons from parishioners
- Holding an academic service each year with Uni staff and students as guests
- More partnering with other parishes around us
- Invite other churches to our services from time to time
- Multi-cultural services
- More use of contemporary language
- Engage parishioners in using their gifts and talents in a more formal way
- Attracting more young people by association with schools
- Foster neighbourhood communities
- More visual supports for those who don't hear well
- More inclusion of other languages Te Reo/Chinese/Japanese etc to make services more accessible
- Better advertising for events that the community would feel comfortable at
- More time on intentional mission in our community
- Run Alpha in a rest home for the elderly
- Regular combined morning teas
- More interactions between age groups
- More focus on social action and conservation – care of God's world
- Lessons in Anglican heritage and traditions
- Sharing more among different services
- A week of guided prayer
- Visiting all parishioners every 2-3 years to know and understand their needs
- Encourage small groups to work at spreading Jesus' love
- Develop our small groups more, train leaders and support them
- Assist with St Aidens youth meal.
- Better links with Tongan service
- More focus on Christian vocation and community service
- Wider invitations to Anzac and Remembrance services in our community
- More interaction with Uni students
- Education/discussion on bringing up teenagers/social media pressures etc
- Recent immigrants or international students focus
- Education on money/debt – partners with Christians Against Poverty
- Support group for the recently bereaved
- Outreach to Christchurch Girls' High like 24/7 at Christchurch Boys' High
- Stronger relationships with community groups who use our buildings

- Supporting those in poverty and working against injustices
- Including LGBT community
- More links with Petersgate – mental health issues seem to be on the rise
- Hosting more concerts/events/competitions/Q&A sessions on world issues etc
- Supporting same sex marriages and community – inclusive and welcoming
- Supporting the homeless
- Middle eastern immigrant communities
- Supporting isolated elderly/young children and their parents etc
- Accountability to living faith in tangible ways – challenging my thinking
- More opportunities for others to preach
- Engaging in deeper theological study
- Facing the realities of retirement, illness and death
- Discipleship activities/mentoring system
- Encouraging singles
- Mentoring partner programme
- Emphasis on spiritual depth and life application
- Communicate parishioners needs via newsheets
- Embrace Holy Spirit more
- More interactive – discipleship through being community
- Encouragement in prayer life and regular reading of scripture
- Development of new Christians
- Support for single parents/new mothers
- Clarify and communicate parish teams responsibilities
- Build a large modern church facility
- Making church more relevant, as it seems less and less relevant in life
- Develop alternative ways of worshipping in the church
- Plan for organist succession
- Accept we can't have perfection – allow growth through failure
- Develop grass-roots initiatives and increased involvement
- Mentor young people
- More intentional education
- Incorporate new people
- Offer training in the art of listening
- Celebrate and support Friday Zone, Messy Church and other children & youth activities