

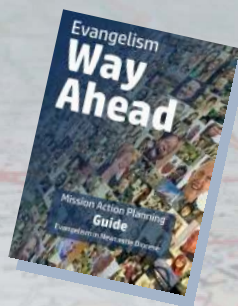
# Mission Action Planning 2016

Bishop Christine would like your Mission Action Plan to reflect the following three priorities in a way that fits your local context.

- **Growth in Spirituality, numbers and missional commitment**
- **Developing your work with children and young people**
- **Discovering and promoting the breadth of lay and ordained vocation in our place**

The following information may be of help as you shape your MAP for the next three years.

You will find the four stages to producing a MAP on pages 16 & 17 in the 'Evangelism: Way Ahead' booklet. available online at [www.newcastle.anglican.org/wayahead](http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/wayahead)



## **Growth in Spirituality, numbers and missional commitment**



Page 10 & 11 in 'Evangelism: Way Ahead' contain suggestions to help you consider spirituality and page 21 has further resources. Contact The Rev Lesley Chapman, Adviser in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction on 01434 682 120 or [lesley.chapman414@btopenworld.com](mailto:lesley.chapman414@btopenworld.com) for help or more information.

For advice on missional commitment please contact John Sinclair the Adviser in Local Evangelism at [johnsinclair247@aol.com](mailto:johnsinclair247@aol.com) or 07746743857



## Developing your work with children and young people

The Diocesan Children and Youth Team have developed a strategy for working with children and young people which will be found here following the launch at 3.00pm on June 18th at the cathedral - please come along. Please feel free to contact the Diocesan Children and Young People adviser, Judith Sadler: [j.sadler@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:j.sadler@newcastle.anglican.org) 0191 270 4152



## Discovering together the breadth of lay & ordained vocation



The vocations task group are always ready to help with your thinking on developing lay and ordained vocations. Contact Canon Ian Flintoft [i.flintoft@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:i.flintoft@newcastle.anglican.org) 0191 285 2220 for more information.

**The Evangelism Task Group** and our team of supporting ministers are always ready to help with the production of your MAP and can lead Healthy Church vision sessions to suit your time and context. Be in touch with John Sinclair or Steve Dixon, Evangelism Task Group Chair at [s.c.dixon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.c.dixon@hotmail.co.uk) or 07729393580 for help and advice. The Evangelism Task Group has recently produced a two hour session to help groups of people who want to increase their confidence in sharing their faith story. The course booklet and leaders notes can be found at [www.newcastle.anglican.org/evangelismresources](http://www.newcastle.anglican.org/evangelismresources) Hard copies available from John Sinclair at [johnsinclair247@aol.com](mailto:johnsinclair247@aol.com)



**The Local Ministry Development Officer** is happy to discuss ways in which your parish can develop your mission action plan in line with the Bishops request. Contact Rev Rachel Wood 0191 257 3901 [r.wood@newcastle.anglican.org](mailto:r.wood@newcastle.anglican.org) for more information and help.



## **The Development Worker** – Steve and Church Credit Champion Liz at



Together Newcastle can help you discover ways your church and neighbourhood can work together. Please contact Steve Forster on 07791 36925 [steve.forster@together-newcastle.org](mailto:steve.forster@together-newcastle.org) or Liz Chadwick 07557982990 [liz.chadwick@together-newcastle.org](mailto:liz.chadwick@together-newcastle.org) for more information and help.



**The Discipleship Task Group** can help you create a space for people to explore what discipleship might look like in your context. We have an overview of supporting materials suitable for different settings, many of which are available through the Resources Centre. Contact Robert Peers at [robert\\_peers@btinternet.com](mailto:robert_peers@btinternet.com) for further information.

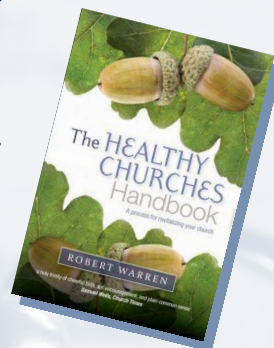
## **Healthy Church Profile Exercise**

Using the seven marks of a healthy church, we are happy to work with you or offer advice on how your parish could benefit from this process.

Perhaps working with the Church Council or Local Ministry Group we could focus on the health of your church using the seven marks as a guide.

Following a period of reflection we could begin to look at actions designed to further develop the health of your church.

This process can be done in a time to suit you. A Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon can work well and it can also be done in an evening. Groups of between 10 to 50 people have worked well in the past. Flexibility to suit the local context is key.





## Mission Weekends

John Sinclair and others from the Evangelism Task Group are ready to come and chat with laity and clergy in your parish about the prospect of planning and running a mission weekend.

There are times in the life of a community when it is good to have a focused period of mission and outreach.

Planning and running a

mission weekend can be a

good, non-threatening way of encouraging the church to

share the good news of Jesus Christ in your community. Some of the key elements of planning a mission weekends could be...



**Prayer:** For insight direction and vision

**Assessing:** What God is already doing in your community

**Pondering:** On engaging your community with a gospel focus

**Training:** Supporting church members in faith sharing and nurture

**Planning:** Specific events and programmed activities

**Running:** A mission event or events

**Following up:** Contacts and interest generated

The Evangelism Task Group will be happy to journey with you in prayer and planning. We will also act as a practical resource to help run specific events, provide speakers, give advice and follow up.

Be in touch with John Sinclair or Steve Dixon.

## Contact Details

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