

Moretonhampstead, Manaton, North Bovey and Lustleigh Mission Action Plan February 2019

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Priority 1 : To increase the variety of opportunities for Prayer and Worship across the benefice	
In order that... we are able to provide increased accessibility for people with different worship preferences and faith stages, by using a variety of venues and times of meeting.	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research the needs of our communities - Developing 'non-Sunday' events - Experiment with different ways of worship - e.g. Taizé, Iona 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courage Communication Leadership Community consultation Training for leaders/ organisers – e.g. Wings for Worship / Foundations in Christian Ministry
In five years' time... we hope to have a thriving, welcoming community with increased opportunities for worship and prayer.	

Priority 2 : To improve the inclusiveness of the Benefice Service	
In order that... we build a strong foundation for working together in the future as one body across the Benefice.	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a planning group (with representatives from each church) - Each parish to have responsibility for a different task in each service - Provide transport support to increase accessibility - Ensure the Benefice service is a collective effort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A positive attitude PCC ownership Volunteers for planning group Willing drivers Training for leaders/ organisers – e.g. Wings for Worship / Foundations in Christian Ministry
In five years' time... we hope to have a popular, well supported service with good representation from each parish and grow a community of friends.	

GROW AS DISCIPLES (new and existing)

Priority 1 :To develop a pastoral care team	
In order that... we can reach out to our whole communities while reducing the pressure on clergy.	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appoint a Pastoral team coordinator - Identify suitable volunteers via InTouch and word of mouth - Develop the Pastoral team - Study models in place in other parishes 	Finance ? Training Advice and support from Diocese and others
In five years' time... we hope to have a working Pastoral team from across the Benefice with an effective coordinator and clear lines of communication ensuring that we are more aware of the needs in our communities.	

Priority 2 : To increase the presence of the church in our communities	
In order that... we ensure greater awareness, continuity and growth of our churches.	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prayerful discernment to understand what our individual, God-given gifts are - Use those gifts for the growth of the Kingdom of God in our communities - Invite inspirational speakers - Run Alpha (or other outreach/discipleship) courses - Develop a working party from across the benefice for outreach 	Willingness and commitment Training
In five years' time... we hope to have congregations that are growing in faith and confidence as we seek to serve God in our local communities.	

SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES WITH JOY

Priority 1 : To increase confidence within our church communities	
In order that... we are able to take greater responsibility for services and pastoral care that will be devolved to congregations in the future.	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resource training for those serving in a variety of ways - Encourage volunteers to attend the Mission Shed gatherings 	Advice and support from Diocesan advisers and other parishes Training from Lay Discipleship adviser, Foundations in Christian Ministry
In five years' time... we hope to have the necessary confidence to take the responsibilities required of us as congregations.	

Priority 2 : To improve our outreach to, and our involvement in, our communities	
In order that... we will increase the visibility of the church community and better support the needs of our wider communities.	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop awareness of needs within our communities - Increase involvement in community organisations - Reach out as a church community into the community at large 	Wider volunteer group, especially younger members Engagement with community organisations Communication
In five years' time... we hope to have a larger, more caring and compassionate Christian community.	

CONNECT WITH SCHOOLS

Priority : To continue to develop our relationship with Moretonhampstead Primary School	
In order that... we are able to build on the work that has already been done	
How will we do this?	What will this need?
Continue with volunteers hearing children read Develop further opportunities for school to hold services in church Make clergy-led assemblies a more regular feature of school life	Willing volunteers Clergy time
In five years' time... we hope to have a closer relationship with the school community	