

St Sebastian's Church Mission Action Plan 2016-2017

Five-Year Vision (2015-2020)

***'To grow God's kingdom
by serving the community in spiritual and practical ways,
reflecting God's heart.'***

Children and Youth Team

Aim: *To build and nurture true and lasting community in families, the church and our local area – equipping people to reflect God's heart to others through service and relationship.*

Actions:

- (1) Focus on building relationships with those in our local community by running regular groups and free family events.
- (2) To use our existing services, groups and events as a platform to be open, real and approachable for those attending. Giving people the space to discover God's love and grace.
- (3) Devote time to developing the church community – bridging the gap between the children's & youth ministry and the adult ministry. We would seek to do this by creating more opportunities for involvement in services, encouraging more people to get involved with helping in the children's and youth ministry, and creating forums in which all ages can discuss and share together.

Evangelism Team

Aim: *To grow God's kingdom by further developing evangelism in the life of the church, nurturing the gifts of evangelism in other believers and bringing seekers to faith in Jesus Christ.*

Actions:

- (1) Organise a 'Just Looking at Christianity Course' and/or depending on demand an 'Alpha Course.'
- (2) Seek to organise 3+ specific outreach events and/or seeker services in the coming year with the intention of making it easy and attractive for members of the church to be able to invite other people to these events.
- (3) Seek to get involved in local community actions to promote a Christian witness and the life of St Sebastian's.

Mission Committee

Aim: *To use the tithe from the offerings to support individuals and organisations to further God's kingdom.*

Actions:

- (1) To divide the giving appropriately between overseas and UK support.
- (2) Support to be given for a period of three years, after which it will be reviewed with a view to continue or otherwise. This will ensure that the support is relevant to the present congregation.
- (3) To keep the congregation informed through mission slots in the services and other relevant material as to the progress of their work.

Pastoral Life Team

Aim: *To be a practical resource of God's 'loving Father heart' to individuals who fall within the scope of the team's groups/activities.*

Actions:

- (1) Organise a Marriage course
- (2) Organise a 'Surviving the Break up' course
- (3) Maintain or grow the resources and reach of the team.

Prayer Team

Aim: *To enable the congregation to better reflect God's heart for the church and the community by helping them learn how to listen and respond to Him.*

Actions:

- (1) Organise a follow-up visit from Mark Iles
- (2) Continue to develop 'Encounter' in a way that encourages people to contribute what they hear from God
- (3) To explore prayer ministry involvement in 'Grow Baby' initiative on the caravan site by working collaboratively with Vineyard

Small Groups Team

Aim: *To provide a homely, friendly and comfortable 'environment for growth' where members can share their joys and sorrows, explore the Bible more deeply, develop their prayer life, and gain confidence in discussing their faith.*

Actions:

- (1) To hold a 'recruiting campaign' in church, to encourage more people into the 'environment for growth'.
- (2) To hold a Home Group leaders meeting to share, train, encourage existing leaders, and potentially encourage any interested new leaders

Worship Services Team

Aim: *To enable the congregation to come closer to God's heart through worship.*

Actions:

- (1) Develop the worship team's own understanding and experience of worship: (e.g. how the spiritual atmosphere is changed through it, and how the heart of God is revealed), by a commitment to strengthen our own worship lives, and to encourage each other in our groups.
- (2) Organise a worship training event for the team.
- (3) To seek other opportunities for bringing worship to seeker/community events.