**Mission Action Plan SUMMARY**

*This form is designed to help smaller parishes to summarise their Mission Action Plan*. *It can be used in conjunction with the more detailed* ***Mission Action Plan RECORD*** *form.*

**Our Details**

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| Name of Parish | St Mary’s Garsington |
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| Deanery | Aston and Cuddesdon |
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| If appropriate, the date that the previous MAP was adopted by the PCC | 9/1/15 |

**THIS MAP**

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| **MAP adopted by PCC** | 6/1/16 | MAP presented to APCM | 10/4/16 |
| MAP Summary sent to Bishop |  | MAP Review planned for |  |

**Our Looking**

*Identify three key things about your parish (and the wider context)   
and three key things about your church.*

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| **Three things we have seen about our parish and our wider context** |
| 1. The Church Urban Fund highlights that the most poverty-related issue in Garsington is the relatively low qualification levels at 29% and 19% of all families are lone parent. This is a new insight into the village demographics. |
| 1. There are various communities within Garsington which often strongly relate to physical their locality. |
| 1. There is a positive relationship between the church and village as well as village organisations. |
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| **Three things we have seen about our church** |
| 1. There is a difference between church attendance and affiliation. |
| 1. There are challenges in engaging with families and young people |
| 1. Finance needs attention and integration on both a practical and ideological level 2. There is dedicated participation by member of the church which ensures that church life runs smoothly and is available for the whole community. 3. There is an active church community which puts on successful events. |
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**Our Discerning**

*Please summarise your Vision, Priorities and Goals.*

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| **Our Vision is** |
| *How we want to be described in five years’ time.* |
| To be and energetic and attractive Christian witness in our communities and encourage lay ministry  To serve our semi-rural community  To have inspired worship and present the Gospel to all  To engage with faith in a relevant and intellectually stimulating way  To reach out to age-groups under-represented in our current congregation especially to the young |
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| **Our Priorities are** |
| *Our three key priorities for the next five years.* |
| 1. To develop the use of the church space |
| 1. To reach out to age-groups under-represented in our current congregation especially to the young |
| 1. To develop more effective communication with the wider community. 2. To improve our financial stability |
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***It might be helpful for each priority to reflect one of the themes of Living Faith: sustaining the sacred centre, making disciples, making a difference in the world, creating vibrant Christian communities and shaping confident collaborative leadership***

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| **Our 5 Goals [***Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resourced, Timed***]** |
| 1. Continue developing the use of the church space by applying for a faculty to replace seating and the Building and Heritage committee to meet and review facilities project and present a paper to PCC meeting in March. |
| 1. To reach out to the young through collaboration with the school by involving children and parents in key events ie fete and key services. Emma to liaise with head on school involvement by end of January and Liz to take to fete committee. |
| 1. To reach out to age-groups under-represented in our current congregation through running a Lent inquirer’s course and/or discussion group and alternative forms of worship ie Songs of Praise service, evening service (to be discussed by Worship and Education committee). Also to review our welcome and communication through the *Everybody’s Welcome* course on an extra PCC evening in February. |
| 1. To develop more effective communication with the wider community by raising the profile of the website, monitor its usage and effectiveness and explore a facebook page for the church (Emma by APCM in March). |
| 1. To improve our financial stability by fulfilling recommendations made by Martha to: explore changing providers for large expenses ie insurance and security, research energy program, encourage use of direct debit, review cost allocation to funds, review the proportion of charitable fundraising which is allocated to the church (through 2016). Also to seek opportunities to preach and discuss material giving for spiritual needs (Emma). |
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