**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 | 5/1/17 |

**THIS MAP**

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| **MAP adopted by PCC** | 13.3.18 | MAP presented to APCM | April 18 |
| MAP Summary sent to Bishop |  | MAP Review planned for | Jan 19 |

**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 members 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 welcoming, attractive Christian witness in our communities  To serve our semi-rural community  To have inspired worship and share the Gospel with all  To engage with faith in a relevant and intellectually stimulating way  To reach out to groups under-represented in our current congregation  To recognize and celebrate our shared ministry  To be a more Christ-like church: contemplative, compassionate and courageous |
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| **Our Priorities are** |
| *Our three key priorities for the next five years.* |
| 1. Building and Heritage  * To make developments to the church building and churchyard to fit it better for present use. * To enhance its potential for versatile use by the village community * To rearrange, refurbish and improve access to make St Mary’s more welcoming. * To improve and consolidate our financial stability. |
| 1. Mission and Outreach  * To be a more compassionate church * To identify and be aware of those whose needs are not currently being met. * To improve communication and the use of modern technology * To sustain the quality and effectiveness of our mission and outreach activities locally and worldwide * To look after each other and make sure no one is overburdened |
| 1. Worship and Education  * To be a more contemplative and courageous church * The sustain the quality of regular worship * To develop opportunities for outreach services * To engage the wider community in the exploration of our deepening faith |
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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 Goals [***Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Resourced, Timed***]** |
| 1. Building and Heritage  * To be more contemplative by imaginatively develop the interior space of the church to make it more prayerful and engage community in conversation about the space. * Improve signage and accessibility to the church * To explore and implement Parish Giving Scheme |
| 1. Mission and Outreach  * To be more compassionate by actively visit the sick and bereaved and place notice in magazine about visiting. * To hold an audit of talents * To collaborate with school on Prayer Spaces in Garsington School and hold International Sunday |
| 1. Worship and Education  * Identify outreach services in the year: Songs of Praise in February, Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, Pet Service, Garsington’s Got Talent. * To explore Family Time format to reach out to young families * To be more courageous by enable conversations about faith at Breakfast Time and privately |
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