

# Parish of St Faith, North Dulwich



## Mission Action Plan 2016 - 17

### Our Place

St.Faith's is sacred space in North Dulwich, it is a church on the edge of the affluent village of Dulwich, and spans the "homes for heroes", Denmark Hill and Champion Hill estates.

### Our Purpose

Our purpose is to worship God, share the gospel of Jesus Christ, welcome all who come, celebrate and pass on our rich Christian heritage and contribute to the flourishing of the surrounding area.

### Our Vision

We seek to respond to the generosity of God in all that we do; to follow Christ whose love changes lives and to see the fruit of the Holy Spirit – love, joy and peace – made real in the communities we serve.

### What we do

Six areas of ministry help to shape the life and work of St.Faith's. 5 are taken from the Anglican marks of Mission.

The following are strategic aims for the coming five years:

### **Worship and Spirituality**

*The daily cycle of prayer and praise is the foundation of all that we do. We celebrate the contributions of music, words, drama and crafts and all that points to the mystery and wonder of God.*

- To increase the number of those who worship with us
- To broaden the range of styles of worship offered
- To deepen and enrich the spiritual lives of our congregations and visitors

### **Proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God**

*We share the good news of Jesus Christ, proclaim the values of the Kingdom of God, and work in active partnership with others for the common good of the people of local area.*

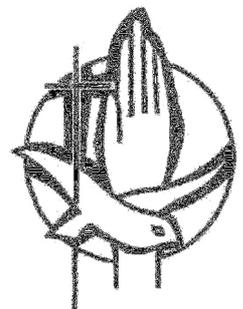


- To improve our external communications and raise our public profile
- To strengthen the confidence of the community in faith sharing
- To develop and deepen our partnerships with others working in areas of social justice and community cohesion
- To develop and strengthen our outreach through St.Faith's Centre

### **To teach, baptize and nurture searchers and believers**

*We encourage people to encounter God in Christ, grow in faith and discover the fullness of their God-given humanity.*

- To offer more learning opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds within St.Faith's community
- To offer more learning opportunities for those beyond the church community who wish to discover more about the Christian faith
- To broaden and deepen our engagement with schools within the parish



## **To respond to human need by loving service**

*We strive to express our commitment to welcome and honour all in Christ's name and to respond to human need in loving service.*

- To invest in and develop the welcome and hospitality offered by St.Faith's Centre
- To enhance the facilities the Centre offers as a safe space in which members of the community can flourish
- To extend a welcome to all into the church and Centre



## **To seek to transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation**

*We do this through ecumenical and Deanery connections, we intercede and support charities and other partners.*

- To live so our actions and lifestyle are consistent with the good intentions we express in our prayers and worship
- To raise awareness and work with partners pursuing these aims



## **To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

*We work to conserve and sustain God's creation to ensure that it may be enjoyed by all, to live lightly and enable future generations to inherit the earth.*

- Imagining the community in 20-30-40 years time and working to create an inclusive, thriving, sustainable place
- Work towards becoming an Eco-friendly church
- Reduce, recycle, reuse

