

## St. Paul's with St. Agatha's Woldingham - Mission Action Plan Update for 2016

### 1. Continue to develop our work with children and families

Action	Responsibility	Progress	Action for 2016
Continuing to develop the monthly 11.30am Footsteps service to respond to feedback and try to attract families who have little previous experience of church services	Vicar and Sunday School Leader	The 11.30am service continues to develop successfully, with newer families starting to attend. The service has been amended slightly to become more accessible to younger children.	Produce a new leaflet containing the songs used at the 11.30am service
Encouraging additional people to take on roles within our children's programme, ensuring that the appropriate recruitment and training procedures are followed	Vicar and Sunday School Leader; Safeguarding Officers for DBS checks etc.	One additional leader has been appointed and received DBS clearance. Another (who already has DBS clearance) is also taking on a greater role	Continue to encourage additional leaders and helpers, and to access appropriate training through diocese's CYPMM section
Improving links with baptism families both before and after their children's baptisms: contact from the Footsteps Group, invitation to annual event, encouragement to attend the 11.30am service.	Vicar, Baptism Coordinator and Sunday School Leader to identify possible contacts from the Footsteps Group and provide training and administrative support.	Some baptism families have attended the 11.30am service before their preparation session. Some have continued to attend Footsteps events following their baptisms	Continue to encourage families to attend the 11.30am service. Organise a baptism reunion event during 2016 and introduce the new baptism texts as an option for families
Improving our provision for older children/young people to encourage more of them to engage more with the church.	Vicar and Sunday School Leader. New leaders/helpers (see above) to be involved to assist with e.g. a group for older children within Sunday School; sitting with older children during the main service.	Where possible, differentiated activities are being offered for the older children during the Sunday and Friday Footsteps sessions. New resources for older children have been purchased from the Area Mission Grant. The older children are playing a more	Continue to develop activities for older children as numbers permit. Involving the older children in the 10am service where possible.

		active role in the Show and Tell sessions	
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## 2. Improve our outreach into our local community

Action	Responsibility	Progress	Action for 2016
Organise a Newcomers' Party in collaboration with other village organisations	Vicar, Wardens, Catering Committee and helpers - and representatives of other village organisations	Both the churches and the Footsteps Group were represented at the Newcomers' Party organised by the Good Neighbours Group in spring 2015	<i>Other events planned for 2016:</i> Jumble Sale in April 2016; Pet Service (possibly linked with Village Picnic?) in the summer of 2016
Take part in the Surrey Churches Ride and Stride event again in 2015, increasing the level of our participation	Vicar, PCC Secretary, Catering Committee, Publicity Committee, potential walkers and cyclists from the congregation and other local groups	Both churches were open for the Ride and Stride in 2015. Two walkers were sponsored by parishioners and raised around £400	Open the churches for the Ride and Stride Event again in 2016
Organise a Village Harvest Supper again in 2015 with increased participation from those who do not normally attend church.	Vicar, Catering Committee and helpers, members of other local groups	The Harvest Supper was very successful and raised just over £1000 for Welcare	Organise a Village Harvest Supper again in 2016
Undertake a Community Audit of the village to learn more about the different groups living/working here and how they would like the church to engage with them	Vicar, Wardens, PCC	Not yet done	To be considered in the light of the outcome of the Woldingham Neighbourhood Plan
In the light of the Community Audit, plan future events/groups to reflect the interests and needs which have been	Vicar, Wardens, PCC, other groups depending on results of Audit.	Not yet done	To be considered in the light of the outcome of the Woldingham

discovered.			Neighbourhood Plan
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### 3. Offer additional opportunities for people to learn about and grow in their Christian faith

Action	Responsibility	Progress	Action for 2016
Investigate what kind of learning opportunities people would like. Attempt to set up additional study group/Bible study group(s) in the parish. If demand grows, identify and train additional leaders	Vicar, SPA	One Lent group in 2015 was of a more reflective and interactive nature, and incorporated a Lent lunch	A reflective Lent course on the Psalms is planned for 2016.
Explore the possibility of engaging with Team or Churches Together groups as these become available	Vicar, PCC	One Lent group in 2015 used material also being used by other churches in the group, so allowing those from other churches to attend	One Lent group in 2016 to use the Pilgrim Course booklet being used by other churches in the Team
Evaluating our current pattern and style of services to see whether they are still appropriate for our current situation.	Vicar, Worship Committee, PCC	A Worship Audit Questionnaire was undertaken in autumn 2015; its results are being considered by the Worship Committee and have been disseminated to the congregations.	Worship Committee to continue responding to the questionnaire responses during 2016, including audibility issues and considering possible different styles of worship
Consider holding Compline in St. Agatha's monthly during the summer months	Vicar, Worship Committee, PCC	Four Complines were held at St. Agatha's during the summer months as planned.	Hold Compline at St. Agatha's again in 2016; some possibly linked to church/graveyard tours
Increase opportunities and resources for prayer and spiritual growth and guidance within the parish.	SPA to organise prayer resources. Vicar and SPA to investigate holding a	The SPA is forming a small group to consider how to improve the prayer resources	Provide some prayer resources in each church. Hold a workshop

	series of meetings, possibly with an external speaker	and events on offer	for readers and intercessors. Consider possibilities for prayer ministry within the parish
Investigate whether people would appreciate occasional quiet mornings/days or parish away days.	As part of evaluation of pattern and style of services.	Not yet done	To be investigated by the group considering prayer resources and events

#### 4. Strive to improve our communications, publicity and welcome to all

Action	Responsibility	Progress	Action for 2016
Establish a parish website with links to the team and A Church Near You websites	Vicar, PCC, Publicity Committee	The Parish website was launched at Advent 2015	Continue developing the website and establishing links with other appropriate websites. Ensure that website is kept up-to-date and continues to be improved
Set up an email newsletter for church members	Vicar, PCC, Publicity Committee	Not yet done	Publicity Committee to work on this during 2016
Produce a welcome card for the pews of St. Paul's and St. Agatha's	Vicar, Wardens	Cards have been produced and are being updated as necessary	Produce an electronic version which can be emailed to enquirers
Update instructions for Sidespeople; consider reintroducing children/young people as additional sidespeople to improve our welcome to visitors and newcomers	Vicar, Wardens, Sunday School Leader. Sidespeople	New instructions still to be produced. Older children have assisted sidespeople on some occasions.	Produce revised instructions for sidespeople. Encourage the older children to assist when they are

			present. Attempt to enlist new members for the team
Involve all members of the churches in our Ministry of Welcome - outside the door, before, during and after services	Vicar, Wardens, PCC, Publicity Committee - and everyone else!	Not yet done.	Possible area for joint training and discussion session with other churches in the Team
Improving how we publicise and promote our services and events - notice boards, banners, posters, electronic communication etc.	Vicar, PCC, Publicity Committee	Larger print notices being trialled.	Provision of banners and A-frames from the Area Mission Grant; continuing to improve posters; increase electronic communication