

St. Paul's with St. Agatha's Woldingham - Mission Action Plan Progress During 2016

1. Continue to develop our work with children and families

Action	Responsibility	Action for 2016	Progress in 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	Produce a new leaflet containing the songs used at the 11.30am service	<i>Leaflet still in production. The 11.30am service continues to be successful in attracting young families to attend.</i>
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.	Continue to encourage additional leaders and helpers, and to access appropriate training through diocese's CYPMM section	<i>Footsteps parents/carers continue to assist as needed. ZC undertaking leadership of new Footsteps Coffee Mornings. Vicar has attended Safeguarding refresher training.</i>
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.	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	<i>New accessible baptism texts successfully introduced and being chosen by most families. Reunion event still under consideration. RB continues to act as baptism coordinator and to liaise with families.</i>
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	Continue to develop activities for older children as numbers permit. Involving the older children in the 10am service where possible	<i>Older children are introducing the Show and Tell where possible and have taken important parts in the Nativity Play and Crib service. Some children</i>

	children within Sunday School; sitting with older children during the main service.		<i>have joined the choir. Differentiated activities being used where appropriate.</i>
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2. Improve our outreach into our local community

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Organise a Newcomers' Party in collaboration with other village organisations	Vicar, Wardens, Catering Committee and helpers - and representatives of other village organisations	<i>Other events planned for 2016: Jumble Sale in April 2016; Pet Service (possibly linked with Village Picnic?) in the summer of 2016</i>	<i>Jumble Sale, Village Garden Party and Pet Service all took place successfully in 2016. Also a Commemoration for the Battle of the Somme. Remembrance Sunday well supported, as was All Souls'.</i>
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	Open the churches for the Ride and Stride Event again in 2016	<i>Both churches were open for the Ride and Stride event, and also for a walk organised by the Friends of Chaldon Church.</i>
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	Organise a Village Harvest Supper again in 2016	<i>Harvest Supper was held again in 2016; numbers attending somewhat reduced, but the event was enjoyed by those present.</i>
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	To be considered in the light of the outcome of the Woldingham Neighbourhood Plan	<i>Not yet attempted.</i>

In the light of the Community Audit, plan future events/groups to reflect the interests and needs which have been discovered.	Vicar, Wardens, PCC, other groups depending on results of Audit.	To be considered in the light of the outcome of the Woldingham Neighbourhood Plan	<i>Not yet attempted.</i>
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3. Offer additional opportunities for people to learn about and grow in their Christian faith

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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	A reflective Lent course on the Psalms is planned for 2016.	<i>Reflective Lent course was run by the SPA and appreciated by those who attended. A similar group is planned for 2017.</i>
Explore the possibility of engaging with Team or Churches Together groups as these become available	Vicar, PCC	One Lent group in 2016 to use the Pilgrim Course booklet being used by other churches in the Team	<i>Group ran as planned; a similar group will be doing so in 2017.</i>
Evaluating our current pattern and style of services to see whether they are still appropriate for our current situation.	Vicar, Worship Committee, PCC	Worship Committee to continue responding to the questionnaire responses during 2016, including audibility issues and considering possible different styles of worship	<i>Training session for lesson readers and intercessors was arranged. A service with a worship band and a Pet Service were held, also Evensong for All Souls. Songs of Praise service took place in February 2017.</i>
Consider holding Compline in St. Agatha's monthly during the summer months	Vicar, Worship Committee, PCC	Hold Compline at St. Agatha's again in 2016; some possibly linked to church/graveyard tours	<i>Four Complines were held, the first linked with a churchyard tour and tea.</i>

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 series of meetings, possibly with an external speaker	Provide some prayer resources in each church. Hold a workshop for readers and intercessors. Consider possibilities for prayer ministry within the parish	<i>Prayer resources now places in both churches. Group to discuss prayer meetings to meet in spring 2017.</i>
Investigate whether people would appreciate occasional quiet mornings/days or parish away days.	As part of evaluation of pattern and style of services.	To be investigated by the group considering prayer resources and events	<i>Not yet attempted.</i>

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

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Establish a parish website with links to the team and A Church Near You websites	Vicar, PCC, Publicity Committee	Continue developing the website and establishing links with other appropriate websites. Ensure that website is kept up-to-date and continues to be improved	<i>Website linked to new village website and is being updated regularly. Some sections have been expanded during the year. A Church Near You website also being kept up-to-date.</i>
Set up an email newsletter for church members	Vicar, PCC, Publicity Committee	Publicity Committee to work on this during 2016	<i>Not yet implemented, as little interest was shown. Christmas services card was distributed with Village Magazine.</i>
Produce a welcome card for the pews of St. Paul's and St. Agatha's	Vicar, Wardens	Produce an electronic version which can be emailed to enquirers	<i>Leaflet being updated quarterly. Electronic version is available.</i>
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	Produce revised instructions for sidespeople. Encourage the older children to assist when they are present. Attempt to enlist new members for the team	<i>Additional sidespeople are still needed, updated instructions have not yet been produced.</i>
Involve all members of the churches in our Ministry of Welcome - outside the	Vicar, Wardens, PCC, Publicity Committee -	Possible area for joint training and discussion session with other churches	<i>Not yet attempted.</i>

door, before, during and after services	and everyone else!	in the Team	
Improving how we publicise and promote our services and events - notice boards, banners, posters, electronic communication etc.	Vicar, PCC, Publicity Committee	Provision of banners and A-frames from the Area Mission Grant; continuing to improve posters; increase electronic communication	<i>Large print posters produced regularly. Facebook page has been set up and events publicised on village Facebook page. Christmas services publicised on "A Christmas Near You". Events publicised in the "Rural Churches" leaflet.</i>