

MISSION ACTION PLAN



Together with parishes across the Diocese of London, we at St John's wish to be **confident** in speaking and living the gospel of Jesus Christ, **compassionate** in serving our community with the love of God the Father, and **creative** in reaching new people and places with the power of the Spirit. To this end, we seek to develop four areas of our life as a Christian community:

Our life as a worshipping community

As people who are oriented towards God, we believe worship to be transformative and life-giving. The Mass is our meeting-place with God, and is the source and summit of our life as a community.

- We have grown in confidence in the way we celebrate the liturgy, striving to offer the best we can to God.
- We are exploring new ideas and being creative with our liturgy, celebrating the Church's seasons and making use of our unique worship space.
- We will explore and develop new music to enrich and enhance our worship
- We will continue to develop our ministry of healing and wholeness, both on weekdays and Sundays, and encourage recourse to the sacraments

Our life as a growing community

By God's grace, we want to grow in faith, hope and love, and so be better disciples of Jesus Christ.

- Through 'back-to-basics' teaching, in sermons and literature (including *Please Explain* leaflets), we are learning about the Christian faith, and will become more confident in speaking and living the gospel
- We will also hold regular courses to nurture our faith and discipleship, and to help our understanding of God's Word to grow
- We will continue to seek opportunities for pilgrimage, retreat and renewal, using our links with churches in our Group ministry
- We will continue to look for opportunities for fellowship to help us become better friends, and to welcome those who are new to St John's

Our life as a missional community

St John's exists as much – if not more – for those who live and work in its parish, as it does for those who worship in its church. Mindful of this, we seek to live out and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in a vibrant, diverse and challenging context.

- We are establishing an online presence through a new website, Facebook page and Twitter account to raise the profile of the church in the community
- We have set up a working group to take forward plans to refurbish and renew our building to make it a better resource for church and community
- We are working in partnership with groups and agencies in the area, including Finsbury Park Homeless Families Project, Transition Finsbury Park, Parkwood School, and King's Crescent Estate
- We are seeking ways in which we can minister to a diverse range of social needs, including immigration, homelessness, addiction, ex-offenders, and prostitution
- We are seeking ways in which we can minister to the growing number of young professionals who live in the parish

Our life as a diverse community

We live and minister in a diverse community, and we rejoice that this diversity is reflected in our church community, and we seek to be a place in which people from a wide range of ages, social backgrounds, ethnic and cultural identities and Christians traditions come together and are united in faith and love.

- We have started our Sunday School again, and are seeking ways of integrating and involving children in the life and worship of the Church
- We are exploring ways of developing our ministry among children and young people
- We continue to host the Luganda congregation, and to grow in partnership with it
- We are continuing to rejoice in our diversity, and are looking for ways to demonstrate this symbol of love in our community