

Glasgow and Galloway Mission Action Plan



Name of Charge/sSt John's Moffat

Name of FacilitatorGill Young

MAP Completed September 22nd 2013

Strategic intent is growth

Stage 1: February 2012 Why are we going for Growth?

<p>Review - <i>your Church as God would see it- where God has been, & is, at work in the community and in church- what needs retained or relinquished</i></p>	<p>We are proud :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - of our good ecumenical relations - of our excellent, well used premises, ideal for hospitality and welcome - that we talk to each other – we have good informal communication - of our midweek discussion and Eucharist <i>in the Hall</i> that we <u>are</u> part of the community
<p>Check: <i>understanding strands</i></p>	<p>Strands understood though it's often hard to see them as separate when there is so much overlap. Several comments go under two strand headings</p>
<p>Appraise, affirm and celebrate: <i>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we exhibit the following <u>strengths</u> ...</i></p>	<p><u>Prayer and Spirituality:-</u> Prayer support within the congregation The accessibility of the Anglican Liturgy to English visitors Wednesday Eucharist & discussion held <i>in the Hall</i> Possibility of a Quiet Garden Lead worship at a local Home Hold a Harvest service with many visitors Our warmth, sincerity and cheerfulness The past use of a Music group and a task limited Worship group Good ecumenical relations</p> <p><u>Learning and Discipleship:-</u> A willingness to learn new hymns Our ecumenical Lent Groups Wednesday morning Eucharist & discussion We visit & support one another</p> <p><u>Missional Leadership:-</u> Lent Courses and Joint services with other churches The commitment of the congregation Our mutual <i>tolerance</i>. The former use of a task orientated Worship Group Implementation of the suggestion of a Quiet Garden.</p> <p><u>Numerical Growth:-</u> Contact with Hall users We have several new people – who seem to be returning</p> <p><u>Imaginative Outreach into Communities:-</u> Hall well used by community groups We are outward looking Interaction and communication are helped by this being a small community We visit a local Home</p>

	<p><u>Children and Young People:-</u> We have personal contacts Relations and grandchildren visit us Aware of Annabel's gifts and the potential for music</p>
<p>Assess: with regard to each strand of the strategy, we suffer from the following <u>weaknesses(gaps)</u></p>	<p><u>Prayer and Spirituality:-</u> A women's Fellowship Service times are problematic <u>Learning and Discipleship:-</u> A magazine/Contact sheet for the Annandale Group Develop congregational book shelf - a book group? <u>Missional Leadership:-</u> A group to get to know one another Experiment with some(time limited?) groups Better distribution of news - communication Resume of Vestry minutes displayed in Hall Board for <i>Going for Growth</i> updates. <u>Numerical Growth:-</u> A large event ,as a focus for publicity, outreach & hospitality Intentionally using our community contacts for publicity We are an ageing congregation. <u>Imaginative Outreach into Communities:-</u> A large event as a focus for publicity, outreach & hospitality Intentionally using our community contacts for publicity Building on interaction with Hall users-invitation to? <u>Children and Young People:-</u> Connecting with schools and local families Intentionally using our community contacts for publicity</p>
<p>Investigate: with regard to each strand of the strategy, we detect the following opportunities...</p>	<p><u>Many of our ideas overlap Strands - so here is a list!</u></p> <p>Groups – time limited Occasional big Worship Events Favourite Hymns/Songs of Praise event +publicity Pro-active advertising Harvest Supper or Lunch Host Musical events Explore possibilities of hospitality, befriending Interaction with groups(Tai Chi, Walking, Singing) Connecting with the Museum Connecting with schools and local families (offer tour of church + explanation?)</p>
<p>Communicate: How has everything so far been communicated?</p>	<p>We intend to distribute to all on the membership list an occasional Bulletin with outlines of what has been happening with Going for Growth.: plus an introductory paragraph about the process. The first will include a definite invitation to the next meeting on April 15th –Low Sunday. A new G for G notice board will be put up in the Hall (photos?) Regular information and prayer will be shared at Sunday services. Those who can't attend sessions will be encouraged to add their thoughts, comments and ideas to the displays.</p>

Stage 2

<p>God's call to growth. <i>Our overall strategic response.</i> <i>(i) What is your vision of the way of life God is calling you to? (ii) What values do you need to have for this growth to happen?</i></p>	<p>i) Our vision is that we should be thought of as a warm, welcoming, caring church and congregation. That our church and hall should be seen and used as a liturgical resource – a place of welcome and safety. That we should share these hopes with our personal contacts. We are definitely not just “Zimmer Zealots”</p> <p>ii) Build on our strengths, especially good community and ecumenical contacts and our well appointed Hall.</p>
<p><i>We will focus upon the following strand of the strategy</i></p>	<p>Numerical Growth Advice from Liturgy and Worship</p>
<p>Goals <i>We will address the following by means of...</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Explore the feasibility of running a <i>Back to Church</i> Sunday 2 Start negotiations with Lockerbie about Moffat having a later Sunday service at regular intervals 3 Taking steps to raise the profile of St John's in the community through improved targeted publicity 4 Exploring ways occasionally to introduce more modern hymns

Specific goals:-*We will address the following by means of... (HOW?)*

1. ACTS reps and Martin will check the B2 Ch date and whether local churches intend to participate. Alison, Jane (Stevenson) and Martin will be the planning group for B2Ch Sunday
- 2 We would like to have a later time for Sunday worship twice a month
Martin will contact Lockerbie and discuss timing their next Vestry meeting
- 3 Publicity will focus initially on the June Coffee morning.
Jane will undertake publicity initiatives and networks
- 4 The “Hymns” discussion will be ongoing Fresh hymns within the existing hymnal will be explored

The Vestry will oversee the progress of these actions

Stage 3 Completed September 2013. Time lapse due to change of local clergy

**Stage 3: How will we encourage Growth?
resources**

Plans, processes, people and

Revision of Goals, and sharing of developments over the last years revealed new Goals falling under the headings of *Newsletter: Communication and Outreach, and Worship.*

Actions: <i>small achievable steps which gradually build into something bigger</i>		Who	When
	<p>Newsletter Formation of Working Group to develop and build on the amazing success of this community Newsletter</p>	<p>Paula, Cathy, Elise</p>	<p>Over the next 2</p>

				months
		Newsletter Work on compiling a regular " News from St John's " section on the Newsletter	Vestry	From next Vestry meeting
		Communication and Outreach Formation of a Working Group to bring aspects of communication together, and oversee St John's website	<u>Colin</u> Jenny Vicky	Over the next few months
		Communication and Outreach Bring a Friend Sunday on		
		Communication and Outreach Work on opportunities for welcome and contact with children in Community & Church- "Discoverers" Toys and mat out at services.	Jenny Sylvia	
		Worship Formation of an ongoing discussion group to explore possibilities for development of hymns and music at St John', and find ways to liaise with the wider congregation	<u>John</u> , Hildred, Simon, Elise, Liz	
		Worship Hold a <i>Your Favourite Hymns</i> event with input from a variety of music makers and styles.	John with the Worship Group	

Stage 4 Outputs: keeping the MAP alive

We will endeavour to address these plans in action, ongoing consultation and prayer, and will regularly affirm and celebrate God's gifts and blessings and our responses, culminating in our annual MAP review. We will communicate widely what we have attempted, so that others may learn from our experience.

We have already identified the "resilience" required to keep the MAP alive. The following factors will not discourage us in our task:

Sharing clergy and worship leaders within the wide area covered by our Annandale congregations

Date of MAP Review with Bishop/Dean

MAP signed by

Rector.....Martin Callaghan..... Date.....October 20th 2013.....

Associate Priest.....John McLoed.....Date.....

Secretary of the VestryDate.....

(5 copies are signed, being for the cleric, the Vestry, Bishop Gregor, the Convenor of the Regional Council and the Facilitator.)

I will keep in contact with the charge throughout this coming year as they work for growth

Facilitator *Gill Young*.....Date.....October 20th 2013.....

Agreed frequency of ongoing Facilitator contact *At regular intervals*.....