



**CHALFONT
ST PETER
PARISH
CHURCHES**

**MISSION ACTION PLAN
2019**

MISSION ACTION PLAN SUMMARY



A Christ-like Church

OUR VISION

Encounter God, Encourage Others,
Engage Our World.

To see sustainable growth in God's Kingdom;
people regularly coming to faith in our community

OUR MISSION

To build flourishing churches and train dynamic leaders who make disciples
of Christ in Chalfont St Peter and beyond.

OUR GOALS



Training for ministry
in the parish context



Vibrant & growing
congregations at
each of our
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of Christ both locally
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OUR FOUNDATION



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as contemplative,
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and courageous
spiritual parents



An apprenticeship
model of learning
for all



A praying and
committed church
family

OUR INITIATIVES



Increase staff &
volunteer
teams



Set up a
training
community



Develop a
sustainable
model of
finance



Plant new
congregations

OUR VISION



We strive to be a church that:

- is a genuine worshipping community
- is relevant and accessible to all
- is Christ-centred and community focused, reaching out to others as we live out our faith
- is vibrant and joyful
- is Spirit-filled and led by God
- appreciates both the traditional and contemporary styles of worship

Our vision is of Jesus himself. Through an encounter with the risen Lord Jesus we have been drawn into a relationship of faith. A relationship that enables us to encourage one another and to share the good news with the wider world. It's important to be concrete and to say that what we actually want to see is other people come into relationship with Jesus too. We have been charged with the task of making disciples of all nations by the Lord himself and so that really is what we want to do. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus and shares in his ministry which includes making more disciples.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 5:5ff

"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit;

apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

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We are wholeheartedly committed to mission and outreach locally, nationally and globally to ensure that we are taking seriously the command to 'Go into all the world and make disciples'.

Clarity about what we want to see helps us to understand what we must do. We are called to build flourishing churches. Churches that are alive in the sense that new life keeps springing up in our midst. We will need to train leaders for the many roles needed to serve and sustain those churches. We understand that God has called us to minister here but also that the mission of the church is global and we must continue to look beyond our own parish and carry the blessing of Christ to the world.

SMART Goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timed)

Flourishing

Move from biggest 25% of churches to biggest 5%. Bringing Sunday attendance up to 165-200 adults on average. Bring children's 18% 0-15 and youth 10% attendance into line with adult attendance to a ratio matching the demographic. 10% growth for 3 years gets us there?

Training

Develop a syllabus over the next year that provides necessary training over a 3 year period. Run a couple of pilot courses to gain experience and iron out snagging.

Making Disciples

New commitments of faith

New regular attenders

Signups to ministry training courses

Mission partnerships and trips...

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matt 28:18-20*

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Training for ministry
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We recognise that in order to fulfill its mission, the Church of England will need a new generation of leaders and a substantially bigger training provision in order to prepare them for ministry. We aim to develop a sustainable and replicable model of parish based training which works across a deanery to enable the training and deployment of both lay and ordained leaders who are well equipped and experienced in effective missionary activity.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... Eph 4:11f



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We believe that the gospel is for all people, all ages, all cultures and that we are 'one body because we all share in one bread'. So we seek to provide a sustainable range of services which focus on outreach, particularly to missing groups within our community. We want everybody to feel loved and treasured whether they are a newcomer or long term member. We want to make good use of the church buildings we have. So we will redesign our pattern of worship in line with these beliefs.

"Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread." 1 Cor 10:17



To be ambassadors
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and abroad

We are called to represent Christ in his work of reconciliation to all people. We will develop our work with each age group, children, young people, young and older adults as well as intergenerationally, to provide strong, dynamic groups which promote evangelism and discipleship and foster outreach to the community, we aim for Jesus to be at the heart of the community of the village.

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God." 2 Cor 5:20

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A praying and committed church family

Growing to maturity in Christ.

Inspired by the diocesan vision, we aim to grow in the character of Christ as contemplative, compassionate and courageous disciples. We recognised that we are called to go beyond the baby stages of spiritual development and become spiritual parents and grandparents to the following generations.

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...”

Col 1:9f

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We are seeking to provide a full range of courses based in the parish and wider deanery that can ultimately prepare people for the full range of ministry within the church.

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Cor 11:1

Prayer

We must be committed to praying for each of these events. “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain” (Psalm 127:1). Sometimes this will be through intercessions in church services, other times prayer groups. Prayer might happen ecumenically, alone, loudly, quietly or creatively. Prayer is essential to the mission of God in this parish, it’s the means by which we keep in tune with God’s mission, and are equipped for all he would have us do.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

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Increase staff & volunteer teams

We believe in every member ministry. Every person has a valuable role to play and has some gifts to share for the building up of the church. We aim to get everyone involved in ministry in a way that is appropriate to their ability, age and life stage.

“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5



Set up a training community

We believe discipleship happens best in intentional community and that it is our responsibility to fulfill the great commission in obedience to Christ’s call. The community life centres around a rhythm of prayer, eating together, learning, working and playing together. So we have daily prayer, regular meals together as a larger community and in smaller groups, courses and various outreach ministries.

“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” Acts 2:46f



Develop a sustainable model of finance

Provision – we must ensure we can fund the mission of the church, working within our means, and carefully planning the implications on paid staffing, volunteer teams, finances and other resources. Good stewardship of all the resources with which we have been trusted, ensures we work within our means and use what God has blessed us with for his mission. We aim to make our finances sustainable by closing our deficit gap within 2 years by increasing our membership and giving base and increasing the number of our givers who give at a level beyond £30 per month.

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:2



Plant new congregations

A key initiative in our growth is to plant new congregations, initially at All Saints. We must not underestimate the challenges involved though. We need to simplify as many of our operational structures as possible to enable scalability and flexibility. We also need to build up the team to be able to offer warm hospitality, children’s and youth provisions etc.

“He asked me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’ I said, ‘Sovereign LORD, you alone know.’” Eze 37:3

