

Leadership Team Latest News

This section of our web pages provides an update on our recent meetings and the topics we are currently working on.

Our next scheduled meeting is on Saturday 7th October 2017 when we meet to review our Mission Action Plan. A report of that meeting will be added shortly after that date.

If you have any comments or questions, please drop an email to Alan Gwynn at opsmanager@thru-christ.org.uk or speak to any member of the [Leadership Team](#). Thank you!

September 2017 meeting

Highlights from the review of our strands were:

- Excellent Chattabox week, with 41 children and 20 adults taking part.
- Preparations in hand for Fun Run and Quiet Day.
- Pastoral Team preparing for Commemoration Service on 29th October.
- Nick & Debs Procter to oversee Discipleship Groups, with Kevin & Jo Cowley stepping up to lead Nick & Debs' group.
- Orange sheet, giving update on Mission Action Plan, published in July.

We also took note of the Bishop of Oxford's letter to parishes: "Called to be Christ-like: contemplative, compassionate and courageous". This will be the subject of further study.

We held a brief discussion in preparation for our next meeting on Saturday 7th October when we plan to review progress with our Mission Action Plan. We are now at the half-way point of the initial 5 year period of the plan.

May 2017 meeting

At our May meeting, we reflected on recent progress in each of our strands and looked forward to some forthcoming events.

In the area of Outreach, our Good Friday and Easter services had been good occasions and we now looked forward to our participation in the Donkey Derby. For the Prayer strand, preparations were well advanced for the Novena, when we would be using the Archbishops' "Thy Kingdom Come" material. Planning was also in hand for another Quiet Day, to take place on Saturday 23rd September.

The Quiz Evening and Christian Aid Barn Dance had been successful and enjoyable occasions. We now looked forward to the URC Anniversary Lunch on 9th July. The next highlight in our work with children and young people will be the annual Chattabox holiday club at the end of August. Prayer journeys continue to be successfully led in our local primary schools.

In our review of the Mission Action Plan, we noted that we were now approaching the half-way point of our initial 5 year period. We are therefore planning to take some time to review our progress to date and to reflect on where God may be leading us over the next 2-3 years. Look out for a further report on this in due course.

March 2017 meeting

At our March meeting, we were encouraged to note continued progress against our Mission Action Plan targets. The numbers of children and young people regularly attending our services continue to grow and a number of successful activities have been held. The Learning to Pray together course attracted a regular attendance of 14-17 people. It is planned to build on the success of this course. Planning is in hand for Good Friday and Easter activities and our thoughts are beginning to turn to our annual participation in the Donkey Derby.

For the AGM this year, we are planning to highlight and celebrate all that God has been doing amongst us despite the ongoing Period of Vacancy.

January 2017 meeting

At our meeting on 30th January, we noted progress in a number of areas against our Mission Action Plan targets for the year. Arrangements are in hand for the Lent Course to be organised this year by the Discipleship Groups. A successful post-Christmas lunch had been held on 22nd January and some new ideas were being explored for hospitality. Pleasing progress was noted in our work with children and young people, with two Youth Discipleship Groups now running and increasing links with our local church schools.

In the area of outreach, the Christmas Tree Festival and our participation in the Living Advent Calendar had been very successful and we were delighted to note the start-up of the Wings group supporting single parents.

We have so far held two out of the planned three update sessions with our congregations, with St James' due to follow in March. Our discussion on finding a successor for Linda as LEP chair continued, with a number of possible names being suggested.