

Mission Presentation

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Mission: a grass roots view

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Mission is about *making friends*

- Making friends locally.
- Making friends regionally and nationally.
- Making friends internationally.
- Stewardship is about renewing our sense of mission.

Who are we like?

- Take a card and a pen.
- Write down—or draw!—the sort of individual that you think most resembles St. Chad's.
- *Feel free to discuss this with the person sitting next to you.*
- You won't be asked to share your answer!



What is Mission? Five Marks

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

What are we hoping for?

- Complete the following sentence:

“If only we could...”

- Two sentences you are NOT allowed to write:
 - “If only we could have...more people involved at St Chad’s.”
 - “If only we could have...more money.”
- Discussion permitted, recommended.

A Pathway to Mission (1)



A Pathway to Mission (2)

- The fifth mark of Mission:
 - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.
- Community Wildlife Garden as a place for *making friends*.

A Pathway to Mission (3)

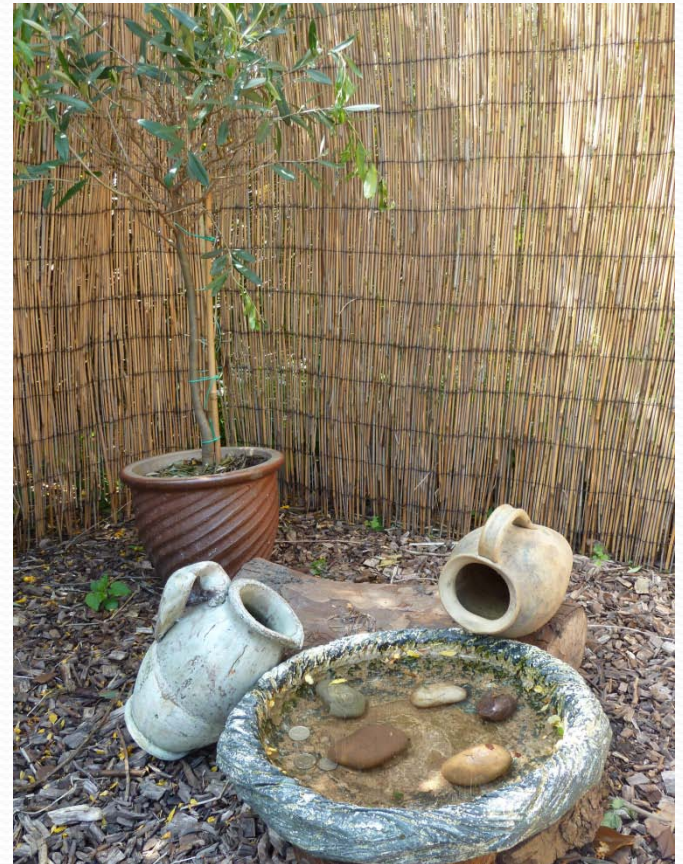
- Hosting
- Engaging
- Witnessing
- Celebrating
- Intercessing
 - Harvest Thanksgiving (28 September 2013); Rogation Sunday (25 May 2014)

A Theological Coda

The Feral Christ

Feral—*in a wild state, especially after escape from captivity or domestication.*

George Monbiot, *Feral: searching for enchantment on the frontiers of rewilding* (Allen Lane, 2013)



That's all, folks

Any comments?