

Mission Action Planning

St Chad's last prepared a Mission Action Plan in 2015; if you would like to remind yourself what was in it there are a few copies at the back of church. You might also consider how much of this has been achieved, what hasn't and why.

The Diocese has been looking at how the church in Manchester can be fit for mission. The Diocesan vision is for each church to be a **worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community**. The Diocese wants us to look again at our Mission Action Plan to think how we can do this at St Chad's. The coloured leaflet describes this a journey with a starting point, a destination and steps along the way.

Here are a few questions for you to think about – put your thoughts down on Post-Its and stick them on the flip charts, today or next week. Please take time to do this to help make sure we grow, nurture the Christian community in Ladybarn and serve others.

What words would you use to describe St Chad's?

What are our values?

Are we welcoming, holy, creative, caring, inclusive, community based, contemplative, mission centred, traditional, open to the Holy Spirit, exciting, concerned for justice, a place of worship ... ?

What do we do well?

What are our strengths?

Is it fellowship, pastoral care, worship, our buildings and facilities, ... ?

What could we do better?

What are our weaknesses or what stops us doing more?

Too traditional? Too modern? Do we need to be more proactive in pastoral care? Do we want more young people/families? Afraid of change? Need to do more in the community?

What do you think are the most important things that we should be doing?

What are our priorities?

Growth? Spiritual growth? More people? More children? More involved in the community? Prayer?

How can we develop our worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence in Ladybarn?

Stewardship? Mission? Outreach? Youth work? More in the community?

What would you like our church to be like in 5 years' time?

What is our vision, our legacy for the future?

Full church? Lots of students and young people attending? Involvement with the whole of Ladybarn? Active in Christian Aid, Traidcraft, Foodbank, ... ? More work with St Nick's and other partnerships? Happy church? St. Chad's still here!

What are the most important practical steps we should take in the next 5 years?

More varied worship? More varied use of the church building? More usable church building (more eco-friendly heating, lights, sound system, better seating, toilets, kitchen)? Continued improvements to the church grounds? Your ideas ... ?