



St Andrew's Bedford Mission Action Plan September 2023 review

Key Priorities:

Children's Discipleship

Community Engagement

Culture of Inclusion

| Areas for Development | Aims | Action | Who | Time Scale | Progress |
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| Worship <i>Loving God through praise and prayer</i> | Develop opportunities for informal prayer | Develop the space at the back of Church to enable visitors to use the building for prayer. | Working group, Children and Families' Minister | January 2024 | First meeting of working group planned for September 2023 |
| | | Develop the Quiet Room with resources and suggestions for prayer. | Working Group | Summer 2024 | First meeting of working group planned for September 2023 |
| | Ensure our acts of worship are increasingly inclusive and transformative. | Review accessibility of our acts of worship in terms of mobility, vision, neurodiversity, audibility | Working Group, Vicar, Curate | | |
| Fellowship <i>Welcoming radically: encouraging inclusion and embracing diversity</i> | Develop an inclusive culture in the Church | Inclusive Church Study Groups. | Curate / Vicar | Ongoing | 3 study sessions Autumn Term 2023. |
| | | Events / speakers | Curate to lead | | |
| | Continue developing a culture of co-ordination, co-operation and collaboration | Committee and group chairs to meet to explore areas of overlap and how to embed the 5 ships across our programmes. | Committee and group chairs | Summer 2025 | |
| Discipleship <i>Growing as God's family, developing as followers of Jesus</i> | Enable our children and young people to grow in spirituality, understanding and confidence in their faith | Review of current provision Prayer and listening | Children and Families' Minister / Children's work team | | Presentation to PCC November 2023 |
| | Encourage a culture where people are enabled to offer their gifts and ministries. | | | | |
| | Growing in our spirituality and understanding of faith. | Shared meal to explore the potential and purpose of small fellowship and study groups. | Ministry Team | Summer 2025 | |
| | | Quiet day / retreat / pilgrimage | | | |

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| <p>Kinship</p> <p><i>Engaging deeply with local and global community: seeking justice and establishing peace</i></p> | Using our voice to amplify the voices of those in need. | Work with Citizens of Bedford around Real Living Wage and Homelessness. | Citizens Group | | House gathering Autumn 2023 |
| | Helping to meet the needs of families in our community | Prayer and listening Investigate children's holiday activity sessions | Children and Families' Minister | Summer 2024 | |
| | Engage more deeply with issues of social justice | | | | |
| | Create outward looking, invitational events developing links with the local community | Green Fair | Vicar / Creation Care Group / MOT/ Events / Friends | October 2023 | |
| <p>Stewardship</p> <p><i>Caring for God's creation, and using our resources courageously</i></p> | To work towards becoming net zero Carbon by 2030 | Complete next phase of LED light bulbs in the Church Centre lighting. | Creation care group, CCMC, Office Staff. | January 2024 | |
| | | Further monitoring, research and planning of future heating. | Creation care group, CCMC | July 2024 | |
| | Release resources to support our Vision priorities. | PCC to review investment strategy. | PCC / Finance Committee | January 2024 | |
| | Achieve the A Rocha Gold Eco Church Award | Develop composting for kitchen waste. | Creation care group. CCMC. | Summer 2024 | |