

We aim to be a community of God's people growing together in love, faith and worship, offering to others the Good News of Jesus Christ through worship and actions. *Christ Church, Upper Armley, Mission Statement*

Questions for the local church to ask itself:

- How do we provide ready access into the experience of Christian worship and community?
- What would our wider community miss if our church wasn't here?
- What is our church known for in the wider community?
- What were we set up for. Have these reasons been remembered? Have they changed?
- What does our context require of us in being the church here?
- How are people helped to grow spiritually here?
- How do people learn their faith here?

"Mission goes out from God. Mission is God's way of loving and saving the world..." *Lambeth Conference 1998, Section II p121.*

As Christians we follow Jesus who said "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (*John 20.21*). We are called to serve God's mission by living and proclaiming the good news.

EVANGELISM TASK GROUP AIM AND STRATEGY 2010-2012



The aim of the Evangelism Task Group is to encourage and enable people in our diocese to proclaim afresh in our generation the good news of Jesus Christ in partnership with all Christians.

The Group will seek to meet this aim by the following objectives:

- Promote, in collaboration with others, vital, energising worship as being what the church consistently offers.
- Promote a culture of invitation, welcome and hospitality in our churches, which includes providing access into the experience of church for those with little or no previous experience.
- Provide questions for the local church to stimulate discussion about its outreach and impact.
- Encourage Christian communities to explore new ways of enabling people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and promote effective nurture/discipling opportunities in all our churches/benefices.

Sharing God's love in word and action. *Seacroft*

In doing all this, the Group will continually comment working in partnership across denominations and will draw attention to resources appropriate for engagement in mission, including those of Leading Your Church into Growth, Church Pastoral Aid Society, the Church Army and Fresh Expressions.

This parish commits itself to serving God by reaching out to our community through Christian love, fellowship and worship, with no strings attached. *Easby, w Skeby and Brompton on Swale and Bolton on Swale, Mission Statement*

We want to be a growing church; welcoming people and helping them to become lasting disciples for Jesus Christ, and then working in partnership with all the churches to make the good news of Jesus known ... *St George's Leeds, Vision Statement,*

Activity over the next three years will include:

- Work on the audit for the local church (by Summer 2010)
- Promote Back to Church Sunday, under its annual headline, and also Come and See.
- Continue to plan events on good news in worship. In 2010 there will be two Saturday events on Mission Shaped Eucharist. In 2011 Good News Baptisms, Good News Weddings, Good News Funerals.
- Offer workshops, including:
 - Good news for older people
 - Helping people to explore faith
 - The Green Gospel and eco-congregations
 - Discussing your priorities
 - Upping our game in communications
- Promote More Than Gold and Higher Sports and optimise the opportunities of the 2012 Games and World Cup to engage with young people and families.
- Work with the Diocesan Residential Conference Planning Group to prepare for the 2011 Conference on the theme of Evangelism and plan appropriate follow up to the Conference.

For all to encourage people to come to faith in Jesus Christ by deeds, words and example. *St Barnabas, Alwoodley, Mission Statement*

... the Parish of Knaresborough aims to present the Christian Gospel in such a way that it may be known and joyfully experienced by everyone. *Knaresborough Parish, Vision Statement*