

## **St Mary's MAP priorities**

*In November 2017, St Mary's PCC agreed that our Mission Action Plan should be centred around the following priorities. These were identified by the M.A.P. steering committee, based on input from the congregation from the post-it note feedback in May, the survey in September and the parish event in October.*

### **Communication and information**

Reviewing how we communicate important information to regulars and outsiders, with a focus on both the methods which we use (verbal, printed, online, etc) and what we are actually communicating, including thinking about the levels of detail needed (not taking tacit knowledge for granted).

### **Intentional welcoming**

Finding ways *as a community* (i.e. not overly onerous on individual 'regulars') to ensure that newcomers are not 'falling through the cracks' and left feeling as outsiders.

### **Inclusion**

How do we make sure (as far as we can) that St Mary's is not viewed by anyone as a place which is "not for people like me", regardless of income levels, social class, age, temperament, faith background/understanding, family status, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, physical ability or mental health.

### **Music in worship**

Reviewing our balance of different styles of music in worship, recognising the diversity of the congregation. Encouraging the existing musical gifts of members of the congregation and considering how they might best be used in worship, whether on Sunday mornings or other settings.

### **Young people**

Finding ways to support and encourage the participation of secondary-school aged children and young people in church life, in ways which are relevant and helpful to them – recognising the crucial importance of the transition stage in this (from e.g. Year 5 to Year 8).

### **The elderly**

How can we be a blessing for the many elderly residents of High Crompton parish, particularly those who are not currently part of the St Mary's community and those who are lonely or isolated?

### **Christian education**

Reviewing how we can best either provide or facilitate Christian learning (e.g. prayer and spirituality, Biblical knowledge and understanding, the traditions and teachings of the Church) for the people of St Mary's, recognising that people have very busy lives and that attendance at such events are often very low.

### **Keeping the conversation going**

What process, timescales etc. will we use to review Mission Action Plan as a church community, and how do we keep alive that sense of discussion and wider ownership of our church and our priorities?