

All Saints' with St James' Brightlingsea



MISSION STATEMENT and ACTION PLAN

Forward in the name of Christ

This document aims to set out clearly the goals which members of the Parish of Brightlingsea hope to achieve in the next three years. It is offered as our intention to promote and extend the word of God.

We identified four areas, Worship, Mission and Outreach, Widening our Horizons and Communication. The PCC will review the document twice a year.

The PCC invites you to prayerfully read the aims and work with us in carrying out our proposals as we continue to work towards our **Mission Statement**:

St James' is the church at the "heart" of the High Street.

"We aim to be a welcoming, warm and accepting Christian community, seeking to share the love of God through our worship, witness and service to our community and the wider world.

Our church is open for private prayer throughout the day and seeks, through various social and teaching programmes, to help all who are searching to discover more about the Christian faith and the life of the church.

Our Mother Church, All Saints', although no longer the central place of worship, is an integral and essential part of our life together. We seek to enhance its role within the affections of the community and to worship there regularly."

MISSION ACTION PLAN

WORSHIP

1. To promote the word of God more widely by introducing different forms of evening service on the 4th Sunday of the month, to include Taize, Evening Prayer, and services of Praise and Healing.
2. To explore the views of our Church family in relation to the possibility of non-eucharistic services.
3. To celebrate Patronal Festivals at All Saints' and St James'.
4. To continue to develop Lay Ministry within our services.
5. To offer teaching of God's word through Alpha, Lent and Advent courses; bible study groups; retreats and quiet days.

MISSION and OUTREACH

1. To develop Lay Ministry in a pastoral dimension with training where appropriate.
2. To make St James' Church and ourselves available to others through the redevelopment scheme.
3. To consider a programme of evangelism supported through PCC funds.
4. To strengthen links between the PCC and The Friends of All Saints'.

WIDENING OUR HORIZONS

1. To improve relationships with neighbouring churches through shared worship.
2. To identify and support an overseas charity.
3. To develop the way in which the Cradle Roll is used.
4. To continue to visit schools for assembly, explore other possibilities and maintain the link with them through their use of our churches.

COMMUNICATION

1. To review the current welcome pack and leaflets in relation to baptisms, weddings and funerals and to make them easily available in both churches.
2. To encourage the church community to make more use of the web-site.
3. To review the Church magazine in relation to its focus and readership.
4. To review and improve the use of local press and notice boards to publicise our events; to distribute leaflets regarding significant events during the church's years.

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All Saints' with St James'
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