



Mission

Action

Plan

2011

Vicar's Foreword

The Church exists for mission as a fire exists for burning: we have a Gospel to live and to proclaim. The way in which that Gospel is lived and proclaimed is, however, necessarily related to the circumstances in which the particular Christian community is situated.

The pages that follow are a serious attempt to articulate what those who worship at the Parish Church in Chesterfield perceive as their vocation and ministry within the town centre. I record my thanks to those who have worked hard to bring this document to fruition and to those who in various ways have contributed to it.

Within this *Mission Action Plan* are the core tasks we undertake and which are possible for us with the resources available to us in order to proclaim Christ's love in the town where we live and which we are called to serve.

Inevitably what is written here will need to be revised and refined as circumstances change – and as we continue to explore what God's will is for us.

That proviso is a challenge for all who worship under the crooked spire to ensure that this document is kept fresh and relevant.

**St Mary & All Saints Church, Chesterfield
& St Leonard's Mission Church**

Mission Action Plan

**This is the framework in which we identify the main areas of our work at
Chesterfield Parish Church and St Leonard's Mission Church**

Worship and Prayer

Fabric, Buildings and Grounds

Outreach

The Chesterfield Parish Church is a symbol and focus of the presence of God and is served by a community of people who work and worship in this place. Using our diverse skills we cherish for future generations the inheritance of this building, its worship, scholarship, teaching, music making and architectural craft.

We commit to the cultural diversity, equal opportunities, and personal development of all who work here.

We welcome all who visit this House of God

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Who are we?

The Parish Church is first and foremost a house of prayer and a place of Christian worship and witness. It stands to the glory of God, who has been made known to us by Jesus Christ, in whose Name worship has been offered as a community on this site for well over 1000 years.

We who worship in this building, celebrate being part of the Church of England within its Catholic tradition. We welcome all people into our church and hope that they will respond not only to the beauty and the history of the building, but also sense the presence of God who is worshipped here.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at any time by appointment. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved and the holy oils are available for ministry to the sick on request.

St Leonard's Mission Church

St Leonard's Mission Church, built in 1895, is the daughter church of St Mary & All Saints Church and serves Spital, a suburb of Chesterfield. The name 'Spital' is derived from a 13th century Leper Hospital which was located nearby and dedicated to God in honour of St Leonard.

Morning Worship is offered at 9.30am on Sundays.

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Services

Sunday Services

8:00 am Mass

9.30 am Morning Worship (St. Leonard's Mission)

10:30 am Sung Mass

(including children's activities, followed by coffee)

6:30 pm Evensong

Weekday Services

Mass is celebrated in the Parish Church:

Monday - 12:15 pm

Tuesday - 9:30 am

Wednesday - 9:30 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Thursday - 5:30 pm

Friday - 12:15 pm

Saturday - 9:30 am

Matins is said daily at 9:00 am

& Evensong at 5:00 pm

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Church Visits

The Parish Church is the largest church in Derbyshire, its Crooked Spire is internationally famous and attracts visitors from around the world. It is open every day for anyone to find a quiet place to pray, to visit or to look around. It is an important part of our mission to extend to our visitors a welcome and to speak to them of the love of God.

Tower Tours

Conducted tours of the tower are available most days (except Sundays), but it is advisable, if making a special visit to Chesterfield, to ring to confirm times and availability with the Verger.

Requests for guided tours of the church should also be made to the Verger.

Baptism, Weddings and Funerals

All enquiries about Baptism, Weddings and Funerals must be made to the Vicar.

Parish Records

An increasing number of people enquire about their genealogy. Only very recent records are held in the church, Baptisms from 2005 and Weddings from 1984. All other parish records are held in the Diocesan Record Office, County Hall, Matlock Derbyshire.

The churchyard was closed in the 19th Century.

**St Mary & All Saints Church, Chesterfield
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STAFF

Vicar: **The Reverend Canon Michael Knight**
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Readers: **Mr Ralph Key**
Mr John Gascoyne

Officers:

Churchwardens **Mr Jon Sangwell**
Mr John Gascoyne

PCC Secretary **Mrs Audrey Fretwell**

PCC Treasurer **Mrs Sheila Barrett**

Verger **Mr Paul Wilson**

Director of Music **Mr Ian Brackenbury**

Assistant Organist **Mr Mark Rothman**

Saints Caretaker **Mr Paul Bates**

All of the above can be contacted on Chesterfield (01246) 206506

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Worship and Prayer

We value:

- The Catholic tradition of the Church of England
- Worship which is traditional, well prepared and prayerful
- Our church as a place of prayer for the people of Chesterfield and beyond
- A church which is open and welcoming seven days per week.
- The contacts made through the Pastoral Offices of Baptism, Marriage and Funerals.
- The inclusion of children especially at the Sung Mass
- Weekly learning for the children supporting the religious teachings in school
- Confirmation including preparation of all ages
- The development of the Mission and Ministry Area in the Town Centre
- Our ecumenical commitment to other churches in the town
- Traditional music which is carefully prepared and sung by our choir
- The use of our building for regular organ recitals and concerts
- The opportunity for silence, prayer and contemplation.
- The use of our church by diverse organisations for their acts of worship
- The work of the Guild of St. Raphael
- The availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We wish to maintain and develop the above by:

- Promoting the newly formed children's group
- Encouraging growth of the music tradition especially the choir
- Maintaining the profile of the parish church in the life of the local community
- Private prayer and meditation aided by a Parish Cycle of Prayer
- Our involvement with the MMA and Churches Together in Chesterfield
- Maintaining an open church with Church Stewarding

Worship & Prayer

Development	Owner	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apl-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec-11
Children's Group	Fr M & Leaders				Prepare & work for Easter	Work complete			Prepare for Well-Dressing	Prepare & Work for Harvest			Prepare & Work for Advent
Music	IRB	Choir Practice: Boys Monday 4.15-5.45 Full Choir: Thursday evenings			Organ Recitals every Thursday			Organ Recitals every Thursday April - July September - November					
Church Profile	PCC & Friends			Friends Web Site completed				Work comm'd on Church web-site					
Electoral Roll & Attendance	Fr M & CDB							Electoral Roll update 195		Electoral Roll update 194			
Church Stewarding	CW	Saturday Rota developed and in operation											
Local Area Development	Fr M, Synod Reps & FJG								The introduction of Street Pastors				

Key	
Work Scheduled	
Work in Progress	
Work Completed	

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Fabric and Grounds

We value:

- A welcoming, well-maintained building
- The availability of the church for concerts and other events
- The Saints Parish Centre which can be used by a wide range of groups from within the community and local area.
- The Coffee Shop, both a source of income for us and a facility to be used by other organisations
- The St Leonard's Mission
- The use of the grounds for exhibitions, markets etc.
- The environmental footprint of St Mary & All Saints Church, aiming to outline the overall level of environmental sustainability awareness and promotion within the church by maintaining the policy
- Church Security

We wish to maintain and develop the above by:

Outside:

- Clear communication, inviting people to worship and pray
- Regular maintenance of paths, moat and gutters
- Ensuring security of the building and contents of the church and its environs involving working with Chesterfield Borough Council and the Derbyshire Police

Inside:

- Action Committee to resurrect and implement the Environmental Policy

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Maintenance				Smartwater purchased, inventory & photographs to be taken & documented			Fire Extinguisher Check 21/7/11	Lime wash Central Sanctuary	Replacement of Lighting and Sound System			Clean Gutters	
		Process complete											
The Saints	JS & JG	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Tested	Lift Inspection 1/3/11	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Tested	Fire Alarm Test	Fire Alarm Test	Fire Alarm Test
Baptistry Window	TC & Fr M			Work completed									
Restoration of Holy Cross	TC & Fr M	Work commenced 5/9/10 WORK COMPLETE							Awaiting Light fittings				
Lighting West End	JS	Work commenced and ongoing						Light Bulbs replaced Fittings to be replaced					
Environmental Policy	JG & AF							Revisit 2007 Policy					
St.Leonards	JS & JG	Upgrade required on Toilets											

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Outreach

We value:

- The role of St Mary & All Saints Church as the parish church of Chesterfield
- The role played by the St Leonard's Mission church in Spital
- A welcoming and supportive church whose doors are open daily
- The ministry of prayer and personal contact.
- Knowledge of our faith and promoting that knowledge and understanding with others.
- Working with children ensuring links with local schools
- The part played by the Saints Parish Centre in the life of the parish
- Street Pastors
- Church Shop & The Saints Parish Centre both as sources of income and points of contact

We wish to maintain and develop the above by:

- A more consistent welcome to worshippers, both before and after services, including tea/coffee after Sunday Mass.
- Improved ongoing support through prayer ministry, social functions and involvement of newcomers in the life of the church.
- Being aware of the needs to communicate through a variety of methods
- The development of social events
- Importance and encouragement of volunteers

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St Leonards	Fr M, CW & Congregation Meeting												
Welcome	CW	Details & history of the church available for all visitors, also available in foreign languages					Welcome sign for Sunday morning worship & invitation to tea/coffee						
Newcomers	CW		Visitor Book available for comments										
Web-site	Fr M & AF	Web-site under review									Web-site go live October		
Working with Children & Schools	FJG & PW	Tower tickets for visiting schools offering free return visit when accompanied with a fee paying adult.											
Church Shop	JEH	Stained glass window DVD currently in production for sale with/without blue book				Work in progress to update Church Postcards + including items produced local artists & photographers				Continue to source appropriate local enterprise			
The Saints	BW						Post Cards now for sale in Spire News therefore available when Church shop closed			Monthly Parish Lunch			
Key													
Work Scheduled													
Work in Progress													
Work Completed													