

# Glasgow and Galloway Mission Action Plan



**Name of Charge/s** St Peter's Dalry

**Name of Facilitator** Elizabeth Matheson

**MAP Completed** .....

**Strategic intent is growth**

## Stage 1: Why are we going for Growth?

<p><b>Review</b>  <i>- your Church as God would see it</i>  <i>- where God has been, and is, at work in the community and in church</i>  <i>- what needs to be retained or relinquished</i></p>	<p>Our church has fellowship, spirituality and a good Clergy Team, but we are not outward looking, and our church is not easily found. We are, though, a welcoming and loving community with good ecumenical links.</p> <p>Our inward-looking needs to be relinquished          Our friendliness needs to be retained.</p>
<p><b>Check:</b>  <i>understanding of each strand</i></p>	<p>We have discussed and fully understand all the strands on the vine</p>
<p><b>Appraise, affirm and celebrate:</b>  <i>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we exhibit the following strengths ...</i></p>	<p>Friendship and fellowship; Spirituality; Good ministry team;          Good participation; Good ecumenical presence; Healthy church;          Community worship within church;          Church building and grounds are in good state of repair.</p>
<p><b>Assess:</b>  <i>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we suffer from the following weaknesses...</i></p>	<p>We are not outward-looking; We are a very dispersed congregation;          The church is not easily found; We are not diligent enough in advertising;          We don't update our website frequently enough, we don't use it enough, and it is not a particularly attractive website.          We don't have a church hall of our own.</p>
<p><b>Investigate:</b>  <i>with regard to each strand of the strategy, we detect the following opportunities...</i></p>	<p>We could hold a Flower Festival, invite other choirs to sing in the church, hold a summer jumble sale or other use of building and grounds.          Make use of existing talents and skills of the congregation</p>
<p><b>Communicate:</b>  <i>How has everything so far been communicated?</i></p>	<p>Through Notice Sheet, Church Magazine and discussion</p>



## Stage 2: What will our Growth Strategy involve?

<p><b>God's call to growth.</b>  <i>Having thought about the challenges for each strand, discern your overall strategic response.</i>  <i>(i) what is your vision of the way of life God is calling you to?</i>  <i>(ii) what values do you need to have for this growth to happen?</i></p>	<p>We feel that we are being called to make the church more visible in our community and so need some kind of Imaginative Outreach.</p> <p>For this to happen successfully we need to have the following values: Fellowship, spirituality, patience, good communication, and better contact with other churches in the area.</p>
<p><b>Our prioritised response</b></p> <p><i>To work towards responding to that call, and expressing our values, we will focus upon the following strand (or strands) of the strategy because...</i></p>	<p>Imaginative Outreach</p> <p>By reaching out we will be showing others that we are here and able to share what we have with them.          By updating and enhancing our website we would provide better communications between the church and the wider community.          By sharing with others we will improve our ecumenical relationships.          We also feel that we would like to know what is going on in the wider Anglican Communion</p>
<p><b>Goals</b></p> <p><i>We will address the following by means of...</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advertise our Service Times in the local press and Library</li> <li>2. Contact and talk regularly to the other Churches in the area</li> <li>3. Perform a Community Audit</li> <li>4. Community events using our building and grounds</li> <li>5. Back to Church Sunday</li> </ol>



### Stage 3: How will we encourage Growth?

#### Plans, processes, people and resources

*Remember: SMART – plans must be **S**pecific and documented, You must be able to **M**easure the difference you are making; so change or re-visit the Goals if necessary.*

*Your proposals must be **A**chievable; do not try to meet impossible goals. Actions must be able to be **R**esourced, by people, buildings, and funding. To enable proper review, your actions must be **T**ime bounded.*

<b>Actions:</b> <i>small achievable steps which gradually build into something bigger</i>		<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
	Do Community Audit	Vestry	ASAP
	Advertise Services in local press and Library	Andy / Margaret	June
	Create more formal links with other churches in the area and perhaps exchange Magazines	Anna	July
	Church Summer Garden Party	Congregation	August
	Back to Church Sunday	Gillian / Andy	September



## Stage 4 Outputs: keeping the MAP alive

*We will endeavour to **address these plans in action, ongoing consultation and prayer**, and will regularly **affirm and celebrate God's gifts and blessings and our responses**, culminating in our annual MAP review. We will communicate widely what we have attempted, so that others may learn from our experience.*

*We have already identified the "resilience" required to keep the MAP alive. The following factors will not discourage us in our task:*

*That we are small in number, a dispersed congregation, and the fact that we don't have our own church hall.*

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Date of MAP Review with Bishop/Dean .....

MAP signed by

Rector/clergyperson .....Date.....

Secretary of the Vestry .....Date.....

(5 copies are signed, being for the cleric, the Vestry, Bishop Gregor, the Convenor of the Regional Council and the Facilitator.)

*I will keep in contact with the charge throughout this coming year as they work for growth*

Facilitator .....Date.....

Agreed frequency of ongoing Facilitator contact .....

*Spirit of our Loving God,  
in your mercy and compassion  
inspire, encourage and empower us  
to live and work together  
as a Diocese,  
to allow your mission for us  
to take flesh  
through Jesus Christ  
our Living and Eternal Lord. Amen*

