

Glasgow and Galloway Mission Action Plan



Name of Charge/s St Peter's Dalry

Name of Facilitator Elizabeth Matheson

MAP Completed23/04/14.....

YEAR 2

Stage 1: Why are we going for Growth?

<p><i>From the scribe's notes of the review meeting, list the last MAP actions completed</i></p>	<p>Advertise Services in local press and Library</p> <p>Create more formal links with other churches in area</p> <p>Hold a church Garden Party</p> <p>Service of Taize Prayer</p>
<p><i>Last MAP actions not completed</i></p>	<p>Community Audit</p> <p>Back to Church Sunday</p> <p>Create Recipe Book including details of the church's history</p>
<p><i>Learnings from the first year's MAP and what that means for the second</i></p>	<p>As a small congregation we are not able to take on large tasks. For things to work it's necessary that all people support events.</p>
<p>Reflect upon the resourcing of the first year's MAP and what that means for the second</p>	<p>For the MAP to work it requires all of us to be involved in planning events and then in supporting them, too. As we are few in number we all need to work together.</p>
<p>Review <i>(i) Your church as God would see it now</i> <i>(ii) Where God is at work in the community and in the church now.</i> <i>(iii) What growth signs need to be built upon.</i> <i>(iv) What avenues can be set aside for now</i></p>	<p>(i) Maintaining our worship and witness despite a lack of people, especially young people.</p> <p>(ii) Making the church more visible in the community</p> <p>(iii) Communication. Letting people in the wider area know that we are here. Making better use of our web site</p> <p>(iv) Community Audit</p>



<p>Re-appraise, re-affirm and celebrate: <i>With regard to each strand of the strategy, we realise that we now exhibit the following strengths...</i></p>	<p>Prayer and Spirituality being a praying community: Service of Taize Prayer has helped bring people from the other churches in the area to share something with us. Some people have confidence now to write their own prayers for Sunday</p> <p>Learning and discipleship being a learning community: Being part of a Team and having a variety of Preachers has helped us understand things from different perspectives.</p> <p>Missional leadership being an intentional community: We are a family community looking after each other.</p> <p>Numerical growth being an affirming community: Though small in numbers we are a welcoming community.</p> <p>Imaginative outreach into communities being a purposeful community: We take part in ecumenical events within Dalry and other churches support our events too, but we need to look to our wider community.</p> <p>Children and young people being a nurturing community: We only have a small number of children but they are involved in activities at other churches in Dalry and also the Team Craft Club.</p>
<p>Re-assess: <i>With regard to each strand of the strategy, we realise that we are suffering from the following weaknesses now.....</i></p>	<p>Prayer and Spirituality being a praying community: Very few people from our own congregation supported the Taize Service. Most were from other churches in Dalry.</p> <p>Learning and discipleship being a learning community: We are not always prepared to try anything new. We tend to like things as they are.</p> <p>Missional leadership being an intentional community: We tend to be an insular community happy with what we`ve got. We need to look further than our Sunday worship.</p> <p>Numerical growth being an affirming community: We are poor at invitation and have still not used “Back to Church Sunday”</p> <p>Imaginative outreach into communities being a purposeful community: Although we have involvement in Dalry we are very small in numbers and reaching the further away communities is difficult.</p> <p>Children and young people being a nurturing community: We only have two children and they do not want a Sunday School.</p>



Investigate:

*With regard to each strand of the strategy, we **now** detect the following opportunities.....*

Prayer and Spirituality being a praying community:

Taize Prayer Service provides a link with other churches in Dalry. People grow in their own spirituality by writing their own prayers. Different types of worship, e.g. Meditations, are actually liked.

Learning and discipleship being a learning community:

Taking part in Team Bible study has given us encouragement to do our own. Different music has enabled us to experience modern Hymns and a different style of worship.

Missional leadership being an intentional community:

Our Taize Service and our Christmas Fayre enable us to reach out to the wider community.

Numerical growth being an affirming community:

In the same way as our Christmas Card, and as a variant to Back to Church Sunday, there`s an opportunity to send Easter Cards containing an invitation and service times to the wider Community.

Imaginative outreach into communities being a purposeful community:

Though we are small in number many members of the congregation carry our witness to various events within the wider community.

Children and young people being a nurturing community:

Though we only have two children there are opportunities to join with other church children`s activities within Dalry and the Team.



Stage 2: What will our Growth Strategy involve?

<p>God's call to growth.</p> <p><i>Having thought about the challenges for each strand, discern your overall strategic response.</i></p> <p><i>(i) What is your vision of the way of life God is calling you to now?</i></p> <p><i>(ii) List the values that underpinned last year's MAP; are there any new values which you need to adopt for further growth to happen?</i></p>	<p>(i) We feel that God is now calling us to be a learning community and to build on our own learning and discipleship which will then improve our skills of invitation. The easier it is to tell our own story, the more confident we can be in mission.</p> <p>(ii) Maintaining a spiritual presence and spreading the Gospel.</p> <p>We need a deeper understanding of ourselves and our own faith.</p>
<p>Our prioritised response</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>Learning and Discipleship</p> <p>Deepening and understanding our own faith is important for us to be able to confidently talk about that to others</p>
<p>Goals</p> <p><i>We will address the following by means of...</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advent and Lent Study Groups 2. Informing and encouraging as many people as we can of our services and activities throughout the year. 3. 4. 5.



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.*

Actions: <i>small achievable steps which gradually build into something bigger</i>			Who	When
		Create Recipe Book including details of the church`s history	Anna Currall	June 2014
		Advent and Lent Study Groups	Martin Margaret Williams	Advent 2014
		Sending Easter Cards with service details to the wider community	Martin Anna Currall	March 2015



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:

.....The fact that we are small in number and the area to cover is large.....

Date of MAP Review with Bishop/Dean

MAP signed by

Rector/clergyperson*Martin Sofield*.....Date ...12/05/14

Secretary of the Vestry*Anna Currall*.....Date ...18/05/14

(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*Elizabeth Matheson*.....Date ...03/05/14

Agreed frequency of ongoing Facilitator contact2.....

*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*

