



The Anglican Parish of
Burnside-Harewood

What is your mission?

Mission Action Plan – October 2011

Bishop Victoria recently asked every parish to address the question “What is your mission?” and to encapsulate the answer in a “Mission Action Plan”.

Our parish had a head-start in this process, building on the vision from Ephesians chapter 4 which Matt set out in 2010, two vestry ‘vision days’ and your responses to the questionnaires completed in our services on 24th July 2011. The result is set out in this leaflet.

Our Mission Action Plan – United, Outward-looking and Training

The Mission Action Plan is in three sections, based on our calling to be a united, outward-looking Parish which values and invests in training.

Being faithful to this calling means parish members catching the vision and asking God how they can be a part of it. This includes you!

As you read the next few pages, please be praying about how God is calling you to get involved with our proposed mission activities. And if you have another proposal which fits with the overall vision, we would love to hear about it via the enclosed form.

As well as these parish-wide proposals we would love this Mission Action Plan to inspire the different groups and ministry teams within the parish to think about what they do and how they do it. If you lead a group, please plan a session when you can read through this leaflet together and discuss and pray about how you can help our parish to be united, outward-looking and training. Please record your decisions on the enclosed form and return to the parish office. At our Parish AGM next year, we are asking for all reports to be based around the three headings: united, outward-looking and training.



God calls us to be...

united in Christ

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)

Whilst we celebrate the diversity that God has created us with, we recognize that drawing closer to Christ helps us draw closer to one another. For our parish, and the different groups within it, this means:-

- Taking every opportunity to pray together.
- Investing in relationships, especially between different age groups and congregations.
- Sharing information and vision in a way that brings people together.
- Lay and ordained working together to provide leadership.
- Using the gifts that different ages and ethnicities bring.

3 proposals that will enable this to happen in 2012/2013:-

1. **St James 150th Celebrations**, 13-15 April 2012. A focus for the whole parish to come together and reach out.
2. **Parish Weekend Away** – Spring 2012. To allow people across our congregations to come together and be built up in faith.
3. **Regular parish parties / socials** organized by a team of people from across our congregations.



God calls us to be...

outward-looking for Christ

“Christ ascended... in order to fill all things.” (Ephesians 4:10)

Christ is active in all the world and we are called to follow him, sharing his love in word and deed. For our parish, and the different groups within it, this means:-

- Making the most of opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus with those who are not yet Christians.
- Making it a priority to welcome newcomers, and nurture those who are discovering the Christian faith.
- Supporting and promoting the work of mission agencies at home and overseas.
- Working in partnership with others to respond to the needs of our community.
- Speaking up on issues of justice, peace and the care of creation.

3 proposals that will enable this to happen in 2012/2013:-

1. **Faith Sharing Fortnight**, Autumn/ Winter 2013. Celebrating 50 years of the gospel being preached in Burnside. Every group in the parish encouraged to host an event where friends can be invited and the gospel shared in some way.
2. **Schools work**. Continued emphasis on building links with Kendal School, Harewood School and Burnside High School. Recruiting new leaders for the St James after school programme. Desire to take on 2nd 24/7 youthworker of opposite gender when opportunity arises.
3. **Christmas Carols Event for employees of local businesses**. Both St James and St Tim’s have local businesses nearby. This would be on a weekday early evening and involve a short service and refreshments.



God calls us to be...

training to be more like Christ

“Equipping God’s people to serve” (Ephesians 4:12)

We are in training – to be more like Jesus and to discover the gifts he has given us to serve others. For our parish, and the different groups within it, this means:-

- Encouraging everyone to be growing more like Christ through Bible reading and prayer, Christian service and fellowship.
- Helping people to make the connections between faith and daily life.
- Equipping and empowering those who take on roles within our parish.
- Making full use of training opportunities run by other agencies (e.g. Theology House, Laidlaw College, Gospel Training Trust)
- Supporting those we send out to minister in other contexts.

4 proposals that will enable this to happen in 2012/2013:-

1. **Mentoring programme** to continue to link youth and young adults up with a more mature Christian for prayer, Bible reading and discipleship.
2. **Regularly updated noticeboard** with information on training courses, theology study opportunities etc.
3. **Planting new homegroups**. With training on leading provided.
4. **Hosting courses of interest to wider community** on topics such as budgeting, parenting, marriage, English language.

We'd love your feedback...

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Responses from Individuals**



Please fill in this form and return it to the boxes at either church by Sunday 23rd October.

Your name:

1. What inspired you in this Mission Action Plan?

2. The proposals listed in the boxes all need people to get involved to make them happen. Which of these projects would you be interested in helping with?

3. Do you have any ideas for other projects that would fit in with the aims of this Mission Action Plan?

4. If you belong to a group within the parish, when will you have an opportunity to discuss this Mission Action Plan together?

5. If you do not belong to a group, would you be interested in meeting with others to discuss this Mission Action Plan?

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Responses from Groups and Ministry Teams**



This form is for groups or ministry teams to fill in when they meet to discuss the Mission Action Plan. Please return a copy to the parish office or email to vicar@burnside.org.nz

Name of Group:

Leader:

1. What inspired you in this Mission Action Plan?

2. How is your group helping our parish to live out its calling to be **united**? How could you do this in the future?

3. How is your group helping our parish to live out its calling to be **outward-looking**? How could you do this in the future?

4. How is your group helping our parish to live out its calling to value and invest in **training**? How could you do this in the future?