

Anglican Parish of Mitcham



Mission Action Plan

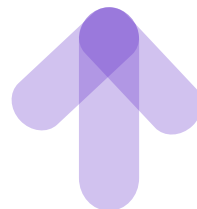


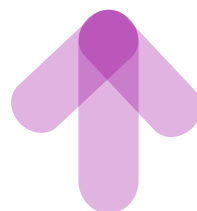
Context

This booklet aims to set out clearly the goals which St. Michael's Church hopes to achieve over the coming years. The Parish has spent some time looking at what we are currently doing and the opportunities facing us at the present time and praying for God's prompting as to how we should be moving forward. There are a number of exciting opportunities to be grasped and only with the involvement of every member using their time, energy and gifting will our vision be realised.

Our work together over the next few years will engage with a society that is in a significant time of change as it adapts and responds to technological changes, an advancing global perspective, as well as a changing cultural and economic mix within our community.

However, we believe our goals are achievable, with God's help.





Mission Action Plan (MAP)

God has a “plan”, and we as individuals and the church are both within His plan and called to progress His plan: to preach the gospel, to love our neighbours and to build The Kingdom.

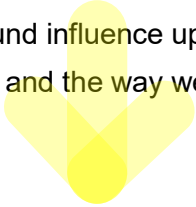
Mission Action Planning (MAP) has been a process to help the Church discern what God is calling us to be at a particular place and at a particular time. It has involved us understanding our church and our community, reflecting on that understanding and planning how we will respond to God’s call.

The MAP has involved looking, listening, reflecting and praying; seeking the Spirit’s guidance in discerning vision and in prioritising action. It has also included time to celebrate. God’s plan for our living includes the time for rest, and festivals for celebration and marking key moments.

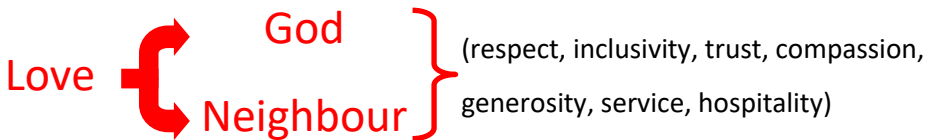
Our MAP is an organic document, expressing our church’s DNA, and its hopes and intentions. As a working tool it will also change and develop as our work for the Kingdom in our area develops.

Core values

Our Core Values may often go unnoticed or unspoken, yet we are aware they are present and help form our key beliefs. As such they are part of us and we often don't take the time to acknowledge them, but they have the most profound influence upon what we choose to do, how we go about achieving it and the way we live out our faith as individuals and as the church.

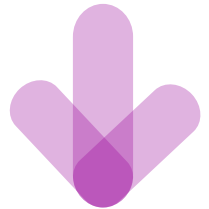


Our Key Core Values (not in any particular order)

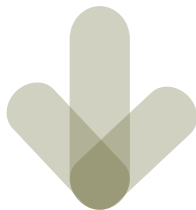


Integrity – (faithfulness in relationship, trustworthiness, good stewardship)

Faith – (thanksgiving, praise, prayerfulness, obedience)



Reflection



As you read this MAP we invite you to prayerfully read and engage with what has been proposed and ask you to join with us in working towards achieving our vision statement that will enable St. Michael's to be a church grounded in our call to love God and our neighbour.

What is our Vision

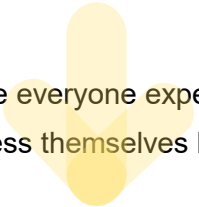
To be Christ's presence in our community.



Mission points

Our Mission is for St Michael's to:

- Be a vibrant community in which the Word is heard, the Sacraments are shared and the Gospel is lived out in the community.
- Be a place where everyone experiences the love of God, and the freedom to express themselves honestly.
- Use its resources (talents, time, money, assets) to grow the Kingdom of God.
- Be open to the receiving of God's grace and to build pastoral relationships that support and respond to all people as they search and grow in faith.
- Work in collaboration with other parishes and churches to build the body of Christ.



Worship

Offering a wide variety of worship opportunities to ensure that people with diverse preferences, time constraints, and at different points in their spiritual journey feel welcome and that their needs are met.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
8:00am Sunday Worship	Possible ways we could expand our Worship	To consolidate Taizé as a regular worship offering.
10:00am Sunday Worship	Return of Pet service	Raise up a children's ministry team / coordinator.
5:00pm Evensong (7 times a year)	Services in the Local Park	Expand community based worship services eg teddy bear picnic, school bag blessing.
Taizé Service (four times a year)	Further Development of Child activity area.	
Tuesday 10.30 (first order)	Maximize children's engagement in services	
Friday 8:00 am Service and social (once a month)		
Wednesday 6pm service (on hold in winter)		
Healing Service		
All Generations service		
Choir		
Nursing Home services		
Home Eucharist for the Sick		
Nine Lessons and Carols Kids Christmas service		
Diversity of voices from the pulpit		

Celebration

A place where everyone can celebrate the great moments of life and faith.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Weddings	Possible ways we could expand our Celebration	Baptismal Cake / celebration post service for families.
Baptisms	Wedding Anniversaries	
Funerals	Birthday	
Confirmation	Engagements	Development of services that integrate community celebrations and milestones.
Patronal Festival	Commencement of schools (school bag blessing)	
Harvest Festival		
Nine Lessons and Carols		
Christmas		
Easter		
Mothering Sunday		
Birthday Cards for Significant B'days		
Baptismal Bears		

Outreach

Showing the love of God through the use of our time, talents and money to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom and meet human needs

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Mainly Music Seniors in Harmony Coffee in Community	<i>Possible ways we could expand our Outreach</i> Gap of engagement with children 5-12 years	Work out what are the unmet needs of your our community (needs analysis) and identify the resources we may have to address these needs.
Letter box drops Herald Email weekly flyer	TeleChat	Develop a telephone pastoral care service for the house bound.
Bunnings BBQ Magdalene Centre collections MU fund raising Card Day Recyclable Collection points Financially support other mission agencies		
School Ministry (School PCW) Deanery Youth Collective		
Choir / Music		

Hospitality

Sharing the love and generosity of God with others by making all welcome and taking the opportunity to build/maintain relationships.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
<hr/> Fellowship following services	<i>Possible ways we could expand our Hospitality</i>	<hr/> Recruitment of helpers for catering activities.
Catering for funeral or other occasions	Monthly shared dinner	<hr/>
Footy & Pie Showdown	Small groups dinners	<hr/> Occasional parish Meals, at the pub or at Church Hall.
Wine Cheese and Conversation	Winter Soup Sunday	<hr/>
Men's Breakfast	Baptismal Cake for celebration	<hr/> Parish Picnic
Mainly Music		<hr/>
Wedding Drinks		<hr/>

Relationship

- Being a vibrant parish that enriches the life of all members of the Body of Christ
- Building relationships which grow our Christian unity as we work with other parishes around us

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Mothers Union (AMUA)	Possible ways we could expand our Relationship	Develop a women's gathering and networking opportunities.
Craft	Women's gathering (breakfast)	
Men's Breakfast	Parish Camp	
Book Club		
Fellowship following services		
Coffee in community		
Wine Cheese and conversation		
Mainly Music		
Bible studies		
Footy & Pie Showdown		
Deanery Youth engagement		
Inter Church Council		
World Day of Prayer		
Schools Ministry		

Discipleship

Growing our knowledge of faith and encourage each other in the sharing of the gospel.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Prayer Cycle	Possible ways we could expand our Discipleship	Provide the opportunity for people to participate in the Bishops' certificate in ministry.
Lenten Studies	Home Groups	
Bible Studies		
Weekly prayer sheet		
Confirmation Classes		Start Small Group bible study groups.
Wine Cheese and conversation		
MU ministry		
Deanery Youth Engagement		
Diocesan student training		

Stewardship

Making the best use of the gifts that God has provided to support our vision

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified <i>Possible ways we could expand our Stewardship</i>	Plan
<hr/> <p>Planned Giving program Wisdom in investing</p> <hr/>		<hr/> <p>Conduct a Planned Giving Program.</p> <hr/>
<p>Mercedes college use of Hall Other groups Hall uses</p> <hr/>		<p>Development of the Southern Garden area and integrated Children’s area.</p> <hr/>
<p>Care of Grounds and Buildings Working Bees Cleaning and preparation for worship Maintenance Planning schedule</p> <hr/>		
<p>Recycling of paper, bottles, tops,</p> <hr/>		
<p>Use of people’s skills and gifts</p> <hr/>		

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO NOW?

Our MAP shows what our parish is currently involved in and these activities will be maintained and built upon as we move forward. Through this process there has also been a number of opportunities identified, some of these have become part of our plan as we look to the future, while others may be revisited at a later stage.

A LEARNING CYCLE

The publication of the MAP does not bring it to an end, rather it only concludes the first step. We now need to live out the MAP cycle that is:

- **Act** – to turn our plans into activity
- **Check** – how things are going and what needs to be adjusted?
- **Celebrate** – give thanks when we achieve our goals and thank those who made that happen.

Importantly we need to keep listening to God and responding to God's mission in the world. This means that our MAP is designed to work as a cycle that enables us to review, assess, learn and fine-tune as we go along. The MAP is an invitation to you to come and be

Christ's Presence in our Community

