

Anglican Parish of Mitcham



Mission Action Plan

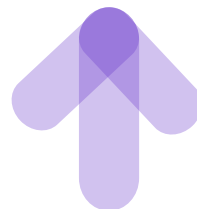


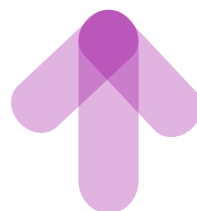
Context

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 God’s plan and called to progress God’s plan: to preach the gospel, to love our neighbours and to build The Kingdom.

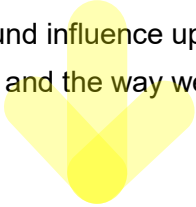
Mission Action Planning (MAP) has been a process to help the Church discern what God is calling us to be at a particular place and at a particular time. It has involved us understanding our church and our community, reflecting on that understanding and planning how we will respond to God’s call.

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.

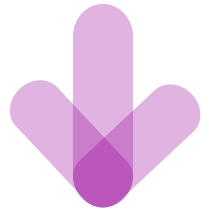


Our Key Core Values (not in any particular order)

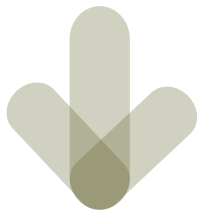
Love  } **God**
Neighbour } (respect, inclusivity, trust, compassion,
generosity, service, hospitality, accessible)

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

Faith – (thanksgiving, praise, prayerfulness, obedience)



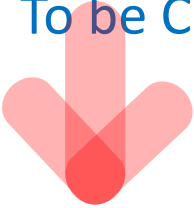
Reflection



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

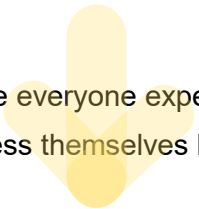
To be Christ's presence in our community.



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, churches, communities and organisations 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, included and that their needs are met.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
9:00am Sunday Worship	Possible ways we could expand our Worship	Contact with Schools re Musical input /Choir
5:00pm Sacred Space Sunday Taize Service Meditation Healing Service Labyrinth Wine Cheese & Conversation Hymn Fest Evensong Talks	Return of Pet service	Expand Choir with increased numbers
Services Via Zoom	Contact between Parish and Families	Expand community based worship services eg teddy bear picnic, school bag blessing, as part of Sacred Space Sunday
Tuesday 10.30 (first order)	Maximize children's engagement in services	
Friday 8:00 am Stations of the Cross 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	Increase wedding promotion	
Nine Lessons and Carols		
Christmas		
Easter		
Mothering Sunday		
Lent		
Birthday Cards for Significant Birthdays		
Baptismal Bears		
Celebrating our History — Open Day		

Outreach

Showing the love of God through the use of our time, talents and money to proclaim the Good News and meet human needs.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Mainly Music Men's Coffee	Possible ways we could expand our Outreach	Develop a telephone pastoral care service for the house bound.
Letter box drops Email weekly flyer Social Media Engagement	Contact between parish and families	Encourage more Article contributions for the week flyer
Bunnings BBQ Magdalene Centre collections MU fund raising Recyclable Collection points Financially support other mission agencies Street Library	Further development of Zoom service / engagement	Better use of Social Media
School Ministry (School PCW)		
Choir / Music		

Hospitality

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

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Fellowship following services	Possible ways we could expand our Hospitality	Recruitment of helpers for catering activities.
Catering for funeral or other occasions	Small groups dinners	Meals following Sacred Space Services, at the pub or at Church Hall.
Hospitality post Sacred Space Services	Winter Soup Sunday	
Men's Coffee	Intentional celebrations individuals special occasions.	
Mainly Music	Footy & Pie Showdown	
Wedding Drinks		
Social Group		
Parish Dinners		
Ladies Afternoon Tea		
Parish Picnic		

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, churches, communities and organisations around us

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
Mothers Union (AMUA)	Possible ways we could expand our Relationship	
Craft	Deanery Picnic	
Men's Coffee		
Book Club		
Fellowship following services		
Mainly Music		
Bible studies		
Footy & Pie Showdown		
Deanery engagement eg Sing with Spirit, Deanery choir.		
Inter Church Council		
World Day of Prayer		
Schools' Ministry		
Parishes working with us at Bunnings BBQ		
Acknowledgement of Country		

Discipleship

Growing our knowledge of faith and encouraging each other in the sharing of the Gospel.

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
<hr/> Prayer Cycle Lenten Studies Bible Studies Weekly prayer sheet Confirmation Classes MU ministry Teaching / Learning Opportunities—eg Sing with Spirit Sacred Space Sunday experience Diocesan student training Month of Prayer <hr/>	<hr/> Possible ways we could expand our Discipleship <hr/> Home Groups <hr/>	<hr/> Start Small Group bible study groups. <hr/> Retreat Days for reflection and quietness <hr/> Short course teaching — eg prayer school <hr/>

Stewardship

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

What we are currently doing	Opportunities Identified	Plan
<hr/> <p>Stewardship program Wisdom in investing</p> <hr/>	<p>Possible ways we could expand our Stewardship</p> <hr/>	<hr/> <p>Regular review of Stewardship Program.</p> <hr/>
<p>Mercedes college use of Hall Other groups Hall uses</p> <hr/>	<p>Promote facilities more to other groups wanting to hall for meeting / displays Diocesan use of Facilities</p> <hr/>	<hr/> <p>Review use of our resources to help enabling the mission of God</p> <hr/>
<p>Care of Grounds and Buildings Working Bees Cleaning and preparation for worship Maintenance Planning schedule</p> <hr/>		<hr/> <p>Review use of Land</p> <hr/>
<p>Recycling of paper, bottles, bread tags</p> <hr/>		
<p>Use of people's skills and talents</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 have 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

