

The Mission of St Matthew's

Suggestions from PCC Meeting on 5th June 2017

At the meeting on 5 June 2017 members of the PCC were invited to discuss and rate the priority of suggestions for how St Matthew's might develop its mission.

These results have been collated and reproduced in the table below. The suggestions were scored in the following way: high, three points; medium, two points; and low, one point. Following this, all of the scores were added together to produce the numbers below.

Description	Priority
	High/Medium/Low
<p>1 <i>Building community</i></p> <p>It was noted that a significant role of the Church is to offer community in a society that is often fragmented. Specific ideas identified were:</p> <p>Holy cocktails' – hospitality in the form of a drinks evening for office workers on their way home</p> <p>'Film night – an opportunity to invite the local community to see a film together (not necessarily religious in content)' 'Revive film evenings'</p> <p>'Hospitality; food – cooking; acting'; gardening/growing; wine tasting; beer making; Scouts/Guides (modern equivalent) Intellectual stimulus – music; politics; discussion School connections'</p> <p>'Mother and baby afternoons – invite students of Westminster School to help and read stories' 'Mother and toddler groups'</p> <p>'Beer festival' 'Festival of the arts to involve all – young and old.' 'Partnership groups''</p> <p>More events for children and <u>youth</u>'</p> <p>'Open church coffee group'</p>	<p>33</p> <p>32</p> <p>24</p> <p>23</p> <p>20</p> <p>19</p> <p>19</p>

<p>'Book club' 'Poetry slams' 'Parish walks' (eg on Saturday morning)</p> <p>'Intentional and institutional community gatherings' - Church engaging with community - Support/Network opportunities'</p> <p>'Groups for single people'</p> <p>'Saturday coffee mornings'</p>	<p>14</p> <p>14</p> <p>7</p> <p>7</p>
<p>2 <i>Faith based activities</i></p> <p>It was noted that some are drawn to a church not so much by its liturgy as by its engagement in dialogue on matters of faith. Ideas specifically identified were:</p> <p>Possible use of 'Pilgrim' – the C of E's new 'basics' course'</p> <p>'Guest speaker programme – not just for Lent'</p> <p>'Faith and Food' – a number of people (eg 15) might meet quarterly for supper and a talk by a guest speaker</p> <p>'Monthly or quarterly supper club with a theme/charity to support each time'</p> <p>'A continuity of a weekly event (prayer and a short talk?)'</p>	<p>27</p> <p>23</p> <p>21</p> <p>10</p>
<p>3 <i>Outreach to parish institutions/charities etc</i></p> <p>'Visits to local offices / talks to Christian groups / pro-active from SMW if no contacts already'</p> <p>'Chaplaincy to offices / institutions – create a 'package': - immediate pastoral support - celebrations - festivals - have a 'rep'</p> <p>'Use the conference centre as a resource from time to time for charity / School / 'local workers'</p> <p>'Visits to local community associations / residents by Clergy and PAs'</p>	<p>26</p> <p>24</p> <p>19</p> <p>18</p>

<p>'Open the courtyard in the summer months to local workers'</p> <p>'Beyond the School – links with St Andrew's Club – PAs perhaps as young people?'</p> <p>' 'Come and see' evenings - short liturgy followed by a reception for those living and working in the area'</p> <p>'Blessing of the taxi drivers'</p>	<p>18</p> <p>16</p> <p>15</p> <p>7</p>
<p>4 Social action</p> <p>'Offer a Clergy House room to a refugee family'</p> <p>'Offer room space for poorer groups in the neighbourhood'</p> <p>'How to engage / support those who are homeless, addicted, living in hostels - ? support St Stephen's, occasional soup kitchen'</p> <p>'Offer to cook a meal for charity workers (once a quarter / on a regular basis) who work with refugees. We will then become a support for their venture.'</p> <p>'Define a social purpose to engage local workers – eg homelessness, refugees'</p>	<p>29</p> <p>21</p> <p>21</p> <p>17</p> <p>14</p>
<p>5 Spiritual/liturgical life</p> <p>Some of the suggestions focussed on developing the spiritual life:</p> <p>'Allow children to take responsibility / take charge to lead aspects of the services – participation / gives people value'</p> <p>'Retreats in the Clergy House – City Retreat'</p> <p>'Children's worker'</p> <p>'Worship and Music Ministry as a means to draw people in – experiment with other forms of arrangement'</p> <p>'Invitation services'</p> <p>'Occasional offices'</p>	<p>29</p> <p>26</p> <p>22</p> <p>18</p> <p>15</p> <p>6</p>

<p>6 <i>Communications</i></p> <p>‘Welcome Pack’ for new residents about church – local residents to keep an eye on new residents’</p> <p>‘More publicity/engagement with contemporary media (evidence of podcasts)’</p> <p>‘Who’s Who at St Matthew’s – Biographies’</p> <p>‘Using emails better to invite our mailing list recipients to the Sunday services (the St Jude’s model)’</p>	<p>36</p> <p>33</p> <p>24</p> <p>20</p>
<p>7 <i>Pastoral ministry</i></p> <p>‘Clergy/PAs sit outside by coffee van at peak periods – ‘ministry of presence’/chaplaincy’</p> <p>‘More engagement with home/pastoral visits/community visits’</p>	<p>15</p> <p>14</p>
<p>8 <i>General</i></p> <p>‘Joint Church events – not just for Lent’</p> <p>‘Perhaps existing members of the congregation could be invited to run small groups of their own choice’</p> <p>‘Give members of the congregation £10 and get them to make it £20 or more’</p> <p>‘Landscape – changing; eg New Scotland Yard redevelopment’</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7</p> <p>6</p> <p>3</p>