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# What next for St Mary Magdalene?

*Working together towards 2026!*



## **'What next for St Mary Magdalene, Wandsworth Common?'**

*That's the question we asked in early 2021 in the difficult days of the pandemic.*

*Your answers flooded in via e-mails and Zooms, WhatsApp groups and good old telephone conversations. 'Do more for those who are isolated and alone' 'what about children, teenagers and young families?' 'we need activities for the whole community', 'buildings renewed for faith and community life' 'participate more in caring for the environment'*

*We distilled your answers, prayed and reflected. Please read on to find out what we believe God is calling us to do in the next five years...*

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# St Mary Magdalene Mission Action Plan 2021-2026

## *How do you make a MAP?*

The Church of England prompts us when creating a Mission Action Plan to use the 'Five Marks of Mission' as a framework for action.

- 1. Tell...** To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God
- 2. Teach...** To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3. Tend...** To respond to human need by loving service
- 4. Transform...** To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5. Treasure...** To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

You'll see how we're aiming to put these marks of mission into action in the following pages.

## *How we'd like to be described in 3-5 years time*

A vibrant, inclusive and compassionate community of faith in Jesus Christ which...

- Welcomes the whole parish including the newly-arrived on the Springfield Village development of 800 new homes.
- Nurtures an inclusive 'all ages and stages' ethos of faith. From children, teenagers and young families to the elderly and vulnerable.
- Is developing renewed, inspiring, flexible and fit for purpose worship spaces and halls as a focal point and for the service of the whole community.
- Hosts a rich programme of creative activities, community groups and charities within SMM, seven days a week
- Is environmentally aware, and engages with global issues.

## *Tell...*

*by actively welcoming the whole community!*

**Our mission is to....** Proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom and grow in faith as we engage with Wandsworth Common and its institutions, especially the three thousand new people coming to live on the new Springfield Village housing development.

### **Years 1-3:**

Welcome new residents to the parish especially those coming to live in Springfield Village.

- **Strengthen** communications with Springfield Integrated Programme Team and the

Hospital Chaplaincy.

- **Discuss** with our own SMM Springfield hospital volunteer visiting team how to form a working group to energise this MAP priority.
- **Ensure** new residents know we're here for them with welcome packs and information on community noticeboards.
- Participate in Springfield Village activities and by summer 2022 invite new residents to discover what SMM offers in the way of services, outreach groups and community activities.

### **Year 3:**

SMM provides regular worship/ community activity on Springfield site for Springfield Village residents and as a 'bridge-builder' with residents and the hospital.

### **Year 5:**

Springfield Village residents know that SMM is 'their church'. Community life built by residents, hospital staff and patients engaging in activities energised by SSM





## Teach...

*by encouraging all ages and stages to grow in faith with vibrant worship*

**Our mission is to...** teach, baptise and nurture new believers with a fresh focus on welcoming those currently under-represented in our congregation, especially children, families and young people encouraging them to make SMM their home and to grow in faith and love in Jesus Christ.

### Years 1-3:

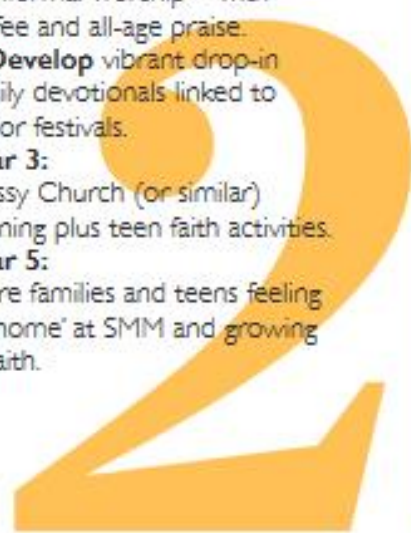
Create more family-friendly faith activities and new teen-focused faith activities...

- **Explore** Messy Church (pilot Sept 2021) – liaising with existing church families on timings and training, developing a communications strategy for recruiting volunteers & inviting in young families.
- **Set up** meetings with teens to brainstorm their ideas.
- **Consider** different prayer/worship activities such as...
  - \* Taize – meditative worship with songs, prayerful silences and readings
  - \* Come and Sing Choral Evensong – for those who love



Choral music

- \* Forest Church – taking services into nature.
- \* Informal worship – with coffee and all-age praise.
- **Develop** vibrant drop-in family devotionals linked to major festivals.
- Year 3:** Messy Church (or similar) running plus teen faith activities.
- Year 5:** More families and teens feeling 'at home' at SMM and growing in faith.



## Tend...

*by renewing our buildings to create a lively place of welcome for all*

**Our mission is to...** create a welcoming an inspiring space of worship and support - especially for those who are vulnerable, lonely and in need.

### Years 1-3:

- Instigate a programme of 'quick wins' such as planters to beautify the front of church and creative schemes internally to tidy and make spaces useable for increased community activity.



- Write, agree and share a 'Case for Support' document. Recruit an architect for Quinquennial Inspection and to review and re-imagine overall renewal of church and halls. Commission work on fundraising potential in a post-covid context.

### Year 3:

Church buildings will be more widely used in worship and in loving service to the community. Renewal of church buildings underway following an agreed development plan with funding identified and Business plan.

### Year 5:

Buildings well on way to being renewed and fit for purpose.



# Transform....

*by responding to those in need of care and support*

**Our mission is to...** Develop a range of inclusive activities in our buildings to support those on the margins of society. Strengthen links to existing SMM ministries in prison, hospital, care home and schools.

## **Years 1-3:**

● **Set up** weekly coffee drop-in for those of all ages and stages who are isolated or in need of socialising and connection, especially after the struggles of the pandemic. Build relationships through the drop-in to see what other kind of activities people would engage with. For instance, something



specifically for young parents and children, grandparents/grandchildren, au-pairs. Arts, crafts and IT groups.

● **Draw** in those who volunteered help in SMM 'Big Question' survey. Create a group to energise the programme.

● **Encourage** our network of prison, mental health, schools and elderly care organisations and charities to use our space. Explore memory café, safe after school space for young people, mentoring for ex-offenders.

● **Use** our space for music, community concerts, school recitals, 'singing for the brain' (dementia uk) drama groups, and festivals.

## **Year 3:**

A growing activity programme run by SMM and local groups, supported by volunteers from SMM and wider community.

## **Year 5:**

SMM is known as a place of care and support for all – whether a person of faith or not. A focal point in the community, making a difference in peoples' lives.

# Treasure...

*become more environmentally and globally aware*

**Our mission is to ...** Energise and be active in our care of God's creation by participating in the Eco-Church awards scheme and engaging with global issues via a safe space for learning and discussion.

## **Year 1:**

Work to gain Eco-Church Bronze award by autumn 2021. This may include monthly eco-tips, a 'green fair', recycling, and fair trade.

● **Implementing** the Energy Audit where practicable.

● **Hosting** talks and seminars on 'green' and other global issues around poverty and

racial and economic injustice with opportunities to learn and discuss in smaller group settings.

● **Committing** to considering sustainability when plans and decisions are in discussion.

## **Year 3:**

SMM on the way to achieving Silver Eco-Church award. SMM known as a place where complex global issues can be discussed in a balanced way.

## **Year 5:**

SMM is on the way to Gold Eco-Church accreditation. Individuals and families discover exciting new ways to live ethically and look after the environment in creative ways.





## *Our Vision for the future...*

To become a focal point for the community  
in Wandsworth Common.

A beautiful space which inspires, uplifts  
and energises our outreach through the  
Glory of God. A caring place of worship,  
support, safety and opportunity for  
everyone - including the most vulnerable.

### *Join in and journey with us!*

Working together makes things happen which we could never do  
alone. If you would like to help out with any of these initiatives or  
have particular skills or time to offer, we'd love to hear from you.

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