

## LEEK AND MEERBROOK TEAM MINISTRY MISSION ACTION PLAN

### St Edward's, Leek

#### 1. Engaging with the wider world

*Fresh ways of supporting our church schools...*

| What will we do?   | How will we do it and who will do it?  | By when?    | Who is responsible?                 | Review?                  | Risk and Assumptions?  |
|--|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Establish a team of people willing to become mentors and/or hear children read at St Edward's School | Discuss needs with school<br>Recruit and train 10 (?) volunteers from the congregation | Spring 2006 | Mission Group<br>St Edward's School | Mission Group and School | Will find sufficient volunteers<br>Effective liaison with school |

*Deepening our involvement and action in the local community*

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|---|--|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Offer simple "welcome packs" to those moving into new homes or new housing developments | Create packs with Leek churches contact details and helpful info on Leek.<br>Members of congregation to distribute   | Packs ready by end of 2005 | Vicar<br>Mission Group                                 | Mission Group            | The information should be ecumenical.<br>Our district only?    |
| Provide better network of support for older people with who the church had contacts     | Recruit 4 more members to the Pastoral Team<br>Strengthen Congregational Care Groups<br>Produce quarterly newsletter | Summer 2006                | Education and Fellowship<br>Pastoral Team<br><br>Vicar | Education and Fellowship | Dependent on increasing number of volunteers to Pastoral Team. |
| Better communication with local press   | Appoint Press Officer to issue regular bulletins and articles to press   | Autumn 2005                |  |                          | Press are interested!  |
| Pray more effectively for our community   | Through links with school.<br>Encouraging intercessors to reflect on community issues                                |                            |  |                          |  |

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#### 2. Belonging to the wider church

##### *Growing our ecumenical links in Leek*

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|---|--|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Continue to develop links with Trinity Methodist/URC              | Work towards an ecumenical covenant<br>Joint DCC-Elders group  | Autumn 2006<br><br>Ongoing                                 | Leadership Team<br>DCC     | Leadership Team annually with Trinity Elders | Denominational differences.<br>Some resistance in congregations?                            |
| Explore the future of evening worship with other churches in Leek | Worship group to reflect and propose options for DCC<br>CTLD, Team churches, Leek Ministers' Meeting | Discuss during first half of 2006 Proposals by end of year | DCC<br>Worship Group       | DCC  | Is evening the right place for our efforts?<br>Provision for those who like what we've got. |

##### *Supporting the world church and learning from it*

| <b>What will we do?</b>                                | <b>How will we do it and who will do it?</b>  | <b>By when?</b>  | <b>Who is responsible?</b> | <b>Review?</b>           | <b>Risk and Assumptions?</b>                         |
|--|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Support Paul and Ina Watson our link mission partners  | Through encouraging individuals to support the Watsons financially and through prayer<br>Encourage "pen-pals"<br>Send newsletters and Spark | Brochure for Harvest 2005 giving details of how to support | Mission group              | Mission Group            | Administrative implications                          |
| Encouraging participation in wider Christian movements | Make available opportunities to connect with national and international Christian movements and events                                      |  | Vicar<br><br>"Champions"   | Education and Fellowship | Need to decide which we are going to commend and why |

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### 3. Growing the local church

*Exploring new ways of being open to people of all ages*

| What will we do?                          | How will we do it and who will do it?  | By when?                       | Who is responsible?                   | Review?                  | Risk and Assumptions?   |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Employ a children's and youth worker      | Establish role, funding and management structure<br>Seek advice from Diocesan Youth Officer<br>Advertise and appoint | Easter 2006<br><br>Autumn 2006 | Leadership Team Working Group         | Vicar<br>Leadership Team | Team wide?<br>Part or full time?<br>Funding issues.<br>Finding suitable candidate |
| Explore ecumenical group for young adults | In consultation with CTLD<br>Consult Church Without Walls SOT  |                                | Need individuals committed to project |                          |   |

*Developing fresh expressions of church at different times and places*

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| Expand faith@5 provision | Explore the possibility of faith@5 "lite" to alternate with monthly services.<br><br>Possible small groups to meet on other Sundays? | Autumn 2006 | Faith@5 planning group | Faith@5 planning group<br>DCC & Mission Group | Needs to be "low maintenance" service.<br>Depends on review of evening worship |

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#### 4. Forming disciples for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

##### *Connecting issues of life and faith*

| <b>What will we do?</b>   | <b>How will we do it and who will do it?</b>  | <b>By when?</b>                            | <b>Who is responsible?</b>                               | <b>Review?</b>          | <b>Risk and Assumptions?</b>  |
|---|---|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| Establish network of small groups for prayer, study and mission | Identify appropriate groupings and approach individuals.<br>Small groups campaign equivalent to stewardship campaign?<br>Establish groups | 2006<br><br>Autumn 2006<br><br>Autumn 2006 | Education and Fellowship<br><br>Vicar<br>Leadership Team | Leadership Team and DCC | No ethos of small groups at St Edward's.<br>Not in culture of Leek? |

##### *Encouraging spiritual growth*

| <b>What will we do?</b>                         | <b>How will we do it and who will do it?</b>   | <b>By when?</b> | <b>Who is responsible?</b>                | <b>Review?</b>          | <b>Risk and Assumptions?</b>                           |
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| Congregational audit of gifts                   | Encourage members to identify gifts and how they can use them in their Christian discipleship.<br>Questionnaire? Linked into small group work?<br>Teaching on gifts        | Autumn 2006     | Education and Fellowship<br><br>Preachers | Leadership Team         | Need to fit gifts to tasks and value each contribution |
| Provide opportunities for spiritual development | Retreat days (at St Chad's?)<br>More teaching on Bible reading and prayer.<br>Silence in worship<br>Prayer materials available<br>Teaching on the work of the Holy Spirit. | From Lent 2006  | Worship group and those who lead worship  | Worship group and Vicar | Will people respond to organised events of this kind?  |

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