'Partners in the Mission of God'

Output of actions from the 2023 Parish Conference

Shaping our Focus for 2024 and 2025

Six Areas for Focus

Six 'areas' were considered for action. These 'six areas' have a good deal of overlap and inter-connections, though they are the high level categories for All Saints in our context.

The purpose, at the Parish Conference, was to reflect on these six areas and generate ideas. Some ideas can be put into action immediately, many will need planning, some will need careful research and consideration. These ideas will shape our activities in 2024 and 2025.

- **Growth in Faith**
- **Senior and Mature Residents of the Parish**
- **Families, Children and Younger People**
- **Communicating and Promoting**
- **Using All Saints Buildings**
- **Wider than the Parish**

Growth in Faith

What	How
Enquiry Group	▪ Introduce Nurturing Course – Emmaus or Pilgrim (or another)
Catholic Heritage	▪ Provide literature to introduce or explain Anglo Catholic worship and practice ▪ Produce Short ASC history (like the windows booklet) ▪ Separate Community and Church stands in Atrium
Our Own Growth	▪ Create a 'reading room' with book reviews and suggestions ▪ Publish Sermons – on line and digital ▪ Try sermon discussion sessions
Contemplative and Reflective Events/Days	▪ Maintain Parish Retreat ▪ Pre-mass exposition and prayer events ▪ Introduce quiet Days and Pilgrimages ▪ Experiment with open-times for reflection and Taizé worship
Sacred Space for Reflection and Prayer	▪ Maintain the sacred space ▪ Open each day every day for all
Cross Boundaries	▪ Engage more actively with CCRCT ▪ Understand more about other denominations and faiths ▪ Link with other parishes

Senior and Mature Residents of the Parish

What	How
Pastoral Visiting	- Continue sacrament through authorised Administrants - Pastoral Support team - Update list of residences and individuals visited - Communicate this offer of home visits
Grow Awareness	- Work to achieve 'Gold' award (again) from Bristol Dementia Action Alliance - Alignment with Alzheimer's Society Time for Dementia Programme - Provide Dementia awareness sessions for St John's School - Communicate our award as a Dementia Aware organization - Enable this to translate into our welcome and worship - Provide venue for Social Prescribing in primary care settings
Friends Together	- Continue the work of the dementia friendly café - Market amongst GP Surgeries, dentists, and other locations

Families, Children and Younger People

What	How
Early Worship	- Early Worship is not a children and family service – it is a multigenerational act of worship - Early Worship is an alternative expression of faith that meets a wide variety of differing needs - Continue with significant lay engagement - Continue with themes and structured learning
School Engagement	- Active Assembly delivery team for St John's - continue - St John's exhibitions in Atrium - develop - Design of specific school services for St John's (Easter, Christmas, Leaving) - Clifton High School monthly concerts for pupils and parents - Engagement with CHS for 150 Anniversary
Student	- Continuing engagement with UWE and Bristol University - BOVTS – strengthen connections (voice, showcase reels, etc)
Marriage, Baptism and Funerals	- Develop attractive 'wedding offer' for iconic venue and garden - Follow-up communications at anniversaries and birthdays

Communicating and Promoting

What	How
Website and Social Media	▪ Website has been re-designed and brought up-to-date!! It is also kept up-to-date! Positive feedback. ▪ Recorded sermons and worship on-line ▪ Enable streaming of services and events (need to identify a tech-capable volunteer) ▪ More effective use of social media (social media team?) ▪ Actively maintain and develop contact list ▪ Experiment with QR codes for orders of service ▪ ASC News and What's On very positive feedback
All Saints News	▪ Real success with on-line and printed versions ▪ Increase range of 'Guest Editors' ▪ Idea of special themed editions - on poetry or prayer
Publicity	▪ Twice year 'What's On' very well received – continue ▪ Recognise the significance of events in church (Randall Room, Sacristy, Choir vestry) in making church relevant within community
Mass Book	▪ Review the current (four) versions of Mass Book

Using All Saints Buildings

The Spaces

Space	Current Use	Future Use
Lady Chapel	Nothing	▪ Limited due to H&S issues ▪ Potentially a prayer space
Church	Services, prayer, concerts, events	▪ Keep doing what we're doing ▪ Keep the Space Sacred ▪ Introduce streaming
Richard Chapel	Worship , private prayer, confession	▪ Keep doing what we're doing ▪ Keep the Space Sacred
Atrium	Exhibition and entertainment	▪ Continue what we are currently doing ▪ More exhibitions and events ▪ Atrium Development – opportunity (Net Zero, Accessibility and Community)
Courtyard	Occasional afternoon tea!	▪ Hugely improved – following development
Sacristy	Concerts, talks, meetings, presentations, meals	▪ More of same (hugely improved with modern lighting)
Randall Room	Parish events and lettings	▪ Lettings almost complete ▪ Benefit from decorative refreshment
Garden	Occasional use by parish	▪ Considerable opportunity for increased usage

Using All Saints Buildings

The Opportunity

What	How
Recognise Relevance	▪ Grow in understanding significance of church buildings as an 'Anchor Institution' ▪ Explore opportunities to contribute to local community ▪ Align with Diocesan TC.T strategy to 'cultivate belonging in our communities and become environmentally sustainable'

Generosity	▪ Continue to favour specific groups who wish to use space
	   ○ AA and Addicts Anonymous
	   ○ Dementia related events
	   ○ Student and other particular groups
	▪ Be aware that 'users' of our church buildings are also an equal part of our community

Marketing and Publicity	▪ Bookings of the various church spaces are a significant contributor as an income stream – maintain ▪ Actively market all spaces in church
Development	▪ Continue with the Atrium Development programme to enhance community connection and use ▪ Improve and/or maintain quality of space available for use
Net Zero	▪ Continue to work to achieve Net Zero targets

Wider than the Parish

What	How
Outreach Connections	• Continue to support the work of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol • Support the Bristol West Deanery NW Foodbank and Homebank • Maintain the level of our charitable giving (which exceeds 10% of income) • Continue connection with SPCK
Support 'Minister' Growth	• Continue to introduce ordinands, deacons, curates and LLMiT to Catholic tradition (Diocese, Trinity, Sarum, Ripon Colleges and SWMTC) • Engage with Diocesan approach to 'Ministerial Flourishing'
Welcome and Connections	• Engage with visitors and new people in non-intrusive way
Inclusivity	• Continue to support the full meaning of being a recognised 'Inclusive Church' (see Inclusive Church policy on website)
Environmental Responsibility	• Publicise the environmental work with which we engage • Communicate the environmental purpose and plans for Atrium development