

DIOCESAN VISION

We believe that our mission statement directly supports the Diocesan vision of **'Living the mission of Jesus'**, in that:

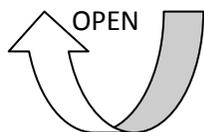
By knowing Jesus better, we seek to foster **passionate personal spirituality*** and **pioneering faith communities***.

Through making Him better known in our wider community life we become **Prophetic Global citizens***.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

At the Diocesan Conference in September 2013 four Strategic Priorities for Mission were agreed. Each Deanery in the Diocese has produced a 3-year action plan for Mission, using these priorities.

As a Parish, we have developed this Mission Action Plan in response to Eastleigh Deanery's plan**.



*See Diocese of Winchester website for details

**See Eastleigh Deanery dMAP

The Parish is currently in vacancy and so we have focused our planning to look at the year ahead only. This is with the expectation that from next year we will have a new incumbent who will have a significant role in shaping the direction and priorities of the Parish for the remaining 2 years of the Parish Mission Action Plan period.

We are excited about the year ahead and all that God has in store for us as we co-labour with Him to spread the good news of His love and extend His Kingdom in our local community.



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Fair Oak and Horton Heath

MISSION ACTION PLAN 2016



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INTRODUCTION

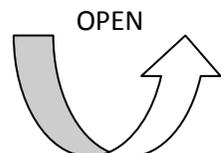
At St Thomas' Church we believe our vocation is to live out our mission statement, **'To know Jesus better and make Him better known'**.

The way we do this can be expressed through 5 key words that represent the values we seek to embed at the centre of our lives together. These are:



Encounter, Belong and **Grow** help us in our aim to know Jesus better.

Encounter, Share and **Beyond** help us to make Him better known.



Strategic Priority One

We grow authentic disciples

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

1. Foster a personal relationship with God as paramount
2. Prioritise prayer whenever we gather
3. Establish a deeper understanding of the Word of God in matters of faith and conduct
4. Equip the saints for works of service
5. Strengthen existing and grow new leaders

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

1. *Encounter* – as a lifestyle
2. *Belong* – secure in our standing with God and stepping into our true identity
3. *Grow* – love one another expressed through increased service and Bible study
4. *Share* – increased number of testimonies of God's goodness
5. *Beyond* – increased discovery of supernatural destiny

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Output)

1. Greater application of the Bible in our personal and corporate lives.
2. More flourishing Home Churches
3. Increased attendance at corporate prayer events
4. More contribution from the whole St Thomas' family to our vocation

Strategic Priority Two

Re-Imagine Church

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

1. Re-focus our Home Church vision
2. Raise the profile of Home Churches across the church community
3. Honour our Anglican tradition
4. Step into a fresh expression of Sunday worship

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

1. *Encounter* – central to all our activity planning
2. *Belong* – whole of St Thomas' family will 'find their place' in the church community
3. *Grow* – more stable relationships and fruitful lifestyles
4. *Share* – more accessible for all
5. *Beyond* – increased demonstration of signs and wonders in church gatherings

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Output)

1. More creative expressions of Home Churches
2. New Sunday offers of worship
3. Increase in members/people coming to faith

Strategic Priority Three

Be agents of Social Transformation

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

1. Work collaboratively with our local and regional partners
2. Partner with the Wyvern schools campus to serve the community
3. An increased impact in supporting the vulnerable and marginalised in our Parish and Deanery

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

1. *Encounter* – unconditional compassion and love of God being experienced by those we serve
2. *Belong* – no barriers to receiving the love offered from the church community
3. *Grow* – increase our capacity to bless beyond the church community
4. *Share* - greater favour and blessing on the church to prosper the community
5. *Beyond* - increased demonstration of signs and wonders in the public square

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Output)

1. Host/Participate in local community events
2. Increased offer of support to schools
3. Extended care to the elderly in our community

Strategic Priority Four

We belong together in Christ

What do we want to achieve? (Objective)

1. To strengthen our commitment to the Deanery
2. To dwell in unity with the wider church in the Borough of Eastleigh
3. Raising the profile of our Mission Partners

How will we know if we have achieved it? (Outcome)

1. *Encounter* – Experience the Holy Spirit in other church expressions and visiting speakers
2. *Belong* – appreciate our place in the wider Body of Christ.
3. *Grow* - recognise the emergence of the five-fold ministry across the region (*Eph 4:11-13*)
4. *Share* – commit to love above agreement, as we partner to demonstrate the gospel of Jesus
5. *Beyond* – value insights outside of our own 'boundaries'. Witnessing the commanded blessing of unity in an "open heaven" around us

What will we see as a result? (Measurable Output)

1. Participation in an annual borough-wide expression of worship (Ageas Bowl Christmas Festival)
2. Increased engagement with Hope Eastleigh 2016
3. Increased visitation and engagement with Mission Partners