

Mission Team Report 2019/20

In June 2019 the five Mission Teams were formed in earnest with our wonderful 55 new volunteers determining which team they each wished to work in:

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| 1. Prayer & Liturgy | (liturgy@cpcb.org.uk) |
| 2. Outreach | (outreach@cpcb.org.uk) |
| 3. Children Youth and Family | (family@cpcb.org.uk) |
| 4. Community and Social | (social@cpcb.org.uk) |
| 5. Communications and Admin | (comms@cpcb.org.uk) |

These teams, together with the Finance Committee, now form the heart of the parish administrative structure. Fr David is briefed by the five teams every six weeks on Mission Team activity and can offer them guidance. If parishioners have ideas or questions they can put them direct to the teams on the email addresses above or through the parish office.

The principal aim of the Mission Teams is to help deliver the Parish Vision:

"Through our worship in prayer and liturgy we seek always to become a community of faith, hope and love, building inclusive relationships with people of faith and none, reaching out to those in need"

The key metric that will be used to determine success in 2028 (the 10yr plan) is that we have a regular weekend mass attendance of 500 people.

The purpose of each team, its focus and a couple of example projects are listed below:

1. Prayer & Liturgy (P&L) – Fr David Osborne - Whilst much more than this, P&L covers everything to do with mass. From servers, to music, flowers and cleaning, through welcome and readings. The team has been exploring the musical needs of each mass and the formation needs of the readers, ministers and welcomers.
2. Outreach – Jane Harding - The two principal areas of activity are care for the poor and disadvantaged and welcoming people into the catholic faith. The work here says everything about us as a parish. This is likely to become the largest team as it covers everything from enabling mass attendance, contacting new arrivals to the area, supporting charities and raising our profile via projects in the community. The team has had a diverse workload which has included designing and distributing introduction cards posted to houses in the area, organising the newcomers lunch and designing a future parish census.
3. Children Youth and Family (CYF) – Emma Clyde – In support of parents who wish to bring up their children in faith. To nurture, train and prepare the children and youth of the parish for their sacraments and a relevant life with God. The team have been considering the ongoing formation needs of our young people and the opportunities to foster stronger links within our community.
4. Community and Social (C&S) – Sandra Hyde – Recognising that we are one family in faith and that by pulling together and sharing in each other's challenges and celebrations we will all be

stronger. The team were in charge of the Wintershall mass and picnic as well as the Christmas party.

5. Communications and Admin (C&A) – Christina Wyllie – To ensure the effective sharing of information and coordination of activities. The team have been really busy researching and working on the website as well as exploring how to make the church porches welcoming and informative.

Whilst it is nine months since the teams formed, much energy has been expended in learning how to work effectively together as well as completing fulfilling projects within the parish. With all that has been achieved it is exciting to consider what will be achieved over the next 12 months. Thank you so much to all the wonderful volunteers who so generously give of their time to help run and grow the parish.

One cornerstone on which the teams were formed was that volunteers would only commit to helping for one year. With that in mind we will be shortly asking volunteers if they wish to continue or not and therefore I would ask that if you would like to help in any capacity within the parish we would love to hear from you as these teams still need to grow in number irrespective of any losses in June.

Chris Houston

Mission Team