

# Mission Action Plan St Leonard's Church Streatham



**'Faith, Hope and Love in the heart of Streatham'**



**Our four priorities are:**

## **I. Our Worship.**

**We want to express our gratitude to God by offering the best of who we are and the gifts we have in our worship**

**We want our worship to be accessible, welcoming, and inclusive of all.**

**We want to hear what God is saying to us and be open and responsive.**

In 2020 we have:

- ❖ Introduced online worship. This has enabled us to be more inclusive and has connected new people both locally and further afield.

- ❖ Installed a 'user friendly' live streaming facility and suitable microphones to ensure quality live streaming. This has enabled not only live streaming of Sunday worship but also funerals and weddings.
- ❖ Installed new lighting in the main church, greatly improving the quality of our lighting and reducing our energy usage.
- ❖ Our Clergy team has grown – we welcome Rev Dr Stephen Hance and his wife Jacqui and Rev Canon Sue Clarke, among us.
- ❖ We have adapted to the requirements of social distancing, offering multiple Sunday services, a small vocal quartet and covid safe ways of administering Holy Communion.
- ❖ We have offered adult learning online throughout the Lockdowns via Zoom. 3 courses, well attended, helping people to grow and deepen in their faith.

## **2. Those who are especially vulnerable.**

**We want the vulnerable in our community to experience God's love through us.**

**We want to ensure that those who are vulnerable among us, both close at hand and in the wider world, are noticed and supported.**

In 2020 we have:

- ❖ Created a network of support for those who were vulnerable or living alone during the periods of Lockdown.
- ❖ Provided Tablets / Ipad facility to those unable to access online worship or Zoom.
- ❖ Supported families experiencing economic need during the Pandemic through food bank referral scheme and by providing Supermarket food vouchers for St Leonard school families in need.
- ❖ Distributed Christmas gift 'goodie bags' to our 'seniors' and vulnerable at Christmas time.
- ❖ We supported Christian Aid at Harvest through donations and fund-raising activity.

- ❖ We have secured 1 year's funding for the employment of Ali Angus as our 'Covid recovery Pastor' to help those struggling with the impact of Covid 19.

### **3. Future generations.**

**We want to ensure that local children and young people receive from us the nurture and care they need to grow in faith, hope and love.**

**We want to share the story of God's love with the children in our community and beyond.**

**We want to strengthen our relationship with our church school and other schools in our neighbourhood**

In 2020 we have:

- ❖ Prepared 7 young people for Confirmation.
- ❖ Maintained our Toddler Church services, Chorister Practice and Pulse Youth group, weekly via Zoom.
- ❖ Offered weekly assemblies at St Leonard's School via Zoom.
- ❖ Partnered with St Leonard's Primary school in the provision of Christmas gifts for Streatham 'Seniors'.
- ❖ Distributed to our isolated or lonely letters from pupils at St Leonard's school during the Lockdowns.

### **4. Care of Creation**

**We want to be active in responding to the cause's effects of Climate change.**

**We want to become better stewards of God's creation.**

In 2020 we have:

- ❖ Maintained Eco Church gathering every month it was permitted to meet outside.

- ❖ Started 'God's Green Acre' Gardening club – connecting with people beyond our Sunday services around a love of caring for the green spaces of Streatham, focusing on the Church yard.
- ❖ We have planted hundreds of bulbs, seeds and several small trees in the church yard.
- ❖ We have installed an LED Lighting system in the church!
- ❖ We have moved to Eco cleaning products.
- ❖ We has built a compost area and purchased a water butt.

**Date for 2021 Parish Vision Morning:  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July**