

**St Mary's Church, Aberfoyle
Mission Act Plan - Reviewed 2013**

Adopted by the Vestry in April 2013

Mark 4 - Reaching out to children and young people, because mission-shaped churches seek to engage with children and young people

4.2 Children to choose the final hymn for the services they are in church. A list of hymns relevant to Godly Play to be compiled and given to Jean. The chosen hymn might be practiced in the session prior to the service.

4.3 Children to distribute posies for Mothering Sunday

4.4 Invite all baptismal families to an annual service e.g. on Mothering Sunday with simnel cake

4.5 Organize an activity with the children to create an ornamental Easter Garden outside on the bank or in the Church Room

4.6 Ensure baptism families are informed about Godly Play when their children are of eligible age

4.7 Report on the work of the Child In Need Institute, Kolkata, (CINI) to Vestry and agree how the church will support their work for the coming year

4.8 Organize a sermon or other slot for charities such as CINI, CYP and the Chesney Trust each year

4.9 Encourage teenagers to attend Glenalmond Summer Camp

4.10 Send cards on the anniversary of baptisms

4.11 Vestry to support a member assigned to provide support for all work with children and young people

4.12 Review church address list and determine the age and location of all children and young people to identify 'audiences' for different activities

4.13 Develop a Face book page for young people linking with the church website and includes links to other SEC Youth Networks, including Glenalmond and engage with their parents as appropriate

4.14 Report on the work of the Callander Youth Project (CYP) to Vestry with the Rector taking steps to make contact and practically support the project

4.15 Refresh and develop pew bags containing activities for children of specific ages

4.16 Children design a Christmas card

4.19 Report on the work of The Chesney Trust (TCT) to Vestry and agree how the church will support their work for the coming year

4.20 Children to contribute towards church decoration on special occasions as is practical

4.24 Work towards gaining accreditation as a Child Friendly Church

Mark 7. Sharing faith by confident and sensitive evangelism: witnessing to God's presence and power

Continue to

7A.1 Continue to undertake an interview with a member of the congregation for some editions of the magazine

7A.2 Provide the Scottish Episcopal Church leaflet in church and summarize in the magazine

7A.3 Run a Lent course after Church and other courses as appropriate

7A.4 At the start of a Vestry meeting to encourage a member to share something that is important in their faith to them.

7A.5 Promote attendance at Area and Diocese educational meetings

7A.6 Develop a library in the Church Room

7A.11 Explore possibility of joint activity with Aberfoyle Kirk

7B.1 Organize three events per year in church involving children and young people in welcoming, refreshments etc.

7B.2 Communicate information about Christian Aid and the annual collection in Aberfoyle in the weekly newsletter and church magazine

7B.3 Celebrate St Mary's patronal festival but not necessarily upon the Feast Day

7B.5 Restore role of Area Contacts and organise annual meeting of Area Contacts to agree activities for the coming year including worship, communications and social events

7B.6 Promote the Church Open Group (COG) to encourage fellowship

7B.7 Bear in mind the use of other more accessible buildings in Aberfoyle for church fellowship meetings

7B.8 Issue personal invitations to those on the fringes to services such as Harvest Festival

7B.9 Assist communications with other churches in our area by promoting joint advertising of events

7B.10 Publish St Mary's recipe book

7B.11 Develop action plan from Eco-Congregation audit including activities for children

7B.14 Organise a discussion group with a keynote speaker for a wider audience than just church members

7B 15 Take steps to support and strengthen the Linkage with St Andrews Callander