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[www.stalbans.anglican.org/mission-action-plans-form/](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/mission-action-plans-form/)

If you'd like to discuss this MAP form please contact Kate Peacock on [kpeacock@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:kpeacock@stalbans.anglican.org). We hope this form will be user friendly and help you focus on your priorities as we work together for the Kingdom.

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<b>Our MAP will be reviewed next</b>	Jan/Feb 2023 and every PCC meeting between now and then

**What progress are you celebrating since your previous MAP?**

Where have you seen God most at work? Please share your Good News stories.

We have continued to welcome change and transformation!

There are small signs of growth.

The church is open on Fridays for private prayer and access to the food shelf which is supported financially by some congregation members and Robert Lucas Trust.

And we continue to support people in need with monies from the Robert Lucas Trust, and by referral to The Need Project.

Witness - e.g. We continued with the Easter Arch - the Noticeboard Nativity and the outdoor Town Carols which were particularly successful. Our Christmas Tree festival was back in church!

Several people undertook Dementia training, which raised awareness and works with the Town Council to achieve 'Dementia Friendly' status for the town .

We continue to reduce our carbon footprint by using a green gas supplier.

We have maintained an online presence through 9and9 on Facebook. 9and9 - has enabled us to pray together daily and been thought provoking and informative.

We continue to deliver Sunday service sheets to the housebound which also helps maintain pastoral relationships,

Attendance in Church is slowly rising as people grow more confident.

We have continued pastoral work through phone calls and doorstep visits, but progressively through "Coffee dates in local cafe's" and indoor home visits.

We have been using the Prayer Chain for intercessions

We have used WhatsApp to maintain contact

Community Cafe has been kept going through Zoom and then meeting in a local cafe. We have maintained involvement with Churches Together and Keith's Karaoke through Zoom.

**How far did you meet your previous priorities?**

1 star = Not at all 10 stars = Done



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**Where has there been less progress than hoped for?**

Where has the journey been more of a struggle since your previous MAP?

**Covid restrictions have limited what we have been able to do this year - we lost our food shelf - but continued to work through the Need Project.**

**Not being able to meet has meant that we could not progress the men's work.**

**The lack of computer facilities in our parish has meant that Discipleship has been constrained.**

**We have had to continually modify our responses to meet changing circumstances and guidelines - which we have done - but in some senses we are now where we thought we were a year ago**

**What is the vision for your Church, Parish, Team Ministry or Benefice?**

For clarity on this please see [page 5 of the Planning for Mission Booklet »](#)

Vision = Where we dream / hope / pray to be

**To be seen as somewhere Jesus Christ is known and followed**

**To welcome the Holy Spirit.**

**To welcome change and transformation**

**To welcome and include everyone everyday**

**And to be moving out to witness in love and in service**

**What are the core values for your Church, Parish, Team Ministry or Benefice?**

For clarity on this please see [page 5 of the Planning for Mission Booklet »](#)

**Bible based**

**Prayer - drawing closer to God - Spiritual Growth**

**Openness / Welcome and Inclusion / Hospitality**

**Listening / Pastoral care**

**Outreach / Mission / Numerical growth**

**What is your 1st Priority to make your vision a reality?**

**To rebuild our church community post Covid and as a newly formed three church benefice:**

- by deepening our faith through worship, prayer and study
- by reaching out to the world around us with the love of God

**Which of the 3 strands of Living God's Love does your 1st Priority most focus on?    All three - not separable**

Going deeper into God

Making New Disciples

Transforming Communities

**SMART Goals to achieve your 1st Priority**

3 goals maximum

1. Safely returning to public worship and social activities as and when we can.
2. To transform ourselves for this new time - reviewing gains and losses - and making decisions about shaping ourselves for the future.
3. Re-establishing and deepening community relationships.

**What additional Priority are you working on to make your vision a reality?**

1 Priority per page (copy this page if required - 5 maximum)

1. Tackling local poverty and injustice eg mental illness, dementia, isolation- especially men
2. Explore ways of being more environmentally friendly.

**Which of the 3 strands of Living God's Love does this Priority most focus on? All three - not separable**

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**SMART Goals to achieve this Priority**

3 goals maximum

1. Live out our "Dementia friendly Shefford" status in all we do.  
**Actively promote our fair trade stall**
2. Review the energy footprint tool.
3. Complete the ARocha Eco Church questionnaire to inspire us.... Also for eg Investigate rewilding, plant a tree or two, add more bird boxes and butterfly friendly flowers to our grounds.

**How do you rate your MAP?**

Please see the back page of the [page 8 of the Planning for Mission Booklet »](#)

Requires attention	Average	Good x	Excellent
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**How are your priorities and action goals going to be resourced?**

Have you got the human resources, time and money to achieve this?



**At this time it is impossible for us to know when and if people will return to Church - and if people will want to take up their “old jobs / ministries / service” again. We know that some have moved away, or their circumstances have changed in this last year - and some have said they are joining church! We therefore currently do not know about “gifts” and “person power”.**

**Rewilding - may ask Chicksands Tri Training Centre for person power.  
May apply for re-wilding grants**

**Would you like any support from the Diocesan Office?**

Tick the areas you would like help with

Buildings & Grants	Flourishing Churches - Church Growth	Flourishing Churches - Stewardship & Giving	Reaching New People	Youth & Children
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**Please give details**

**Diocesan Environment Officer**

**Historically how far has the MAP process helped you achieve your priorities?**

1 star = Not at all 10 stars = Very helpful / We are closer to our vision

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