

ST. ANDREW'S
CHURCH
GORLESTON-ON-SEA

Our vision to promote

**ADVENTUROUS
MISSION**



***A guide to joining in with
God's work in the world***



The Five Marks of Mission

The Five Marks of Mission outline the Church of England's understanding of what mission is in today's world.

They were adopted in 1996 and amended in 2012. Many churches use them as a basis for action plans and for implementing creative mission initiatives.

The five marks are:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Some churches abbreviate the five marks to five words:

1. TELL
2. TEACH
3. TEND
4. TRANSFORM
5. TREASURE

Mission-shaped Church

In order to respond to a culture in which the majority of people don't know the basics of Christianity or share a view of the world based upon Christian values the church is having to adapt and move from a maintenance-style model of being church to a mission-shaped model of being church. The differences between the two models of being church are outlined below:

A maintenance-style model of church

- Managerial.
Church life is run by a few people.
- Inward looking.
A members only club.
- Comfortable and resistant to change.
“We’ve always done it this way!”
- A “come to us” mentality.
The church sees itself as a provider.

A mission-shaped model of being church

- Incarnational.
Exhibits to the world, a living and visible demonstration of the kingdom of God.
- Dynamic.
Not afraid of taking risks.
- Outward looking.
Focus on serving the local community.
- Promotes discipleship.
People are willing to make radical lifestyle choices in their walk with Jesus.
- Relational.
The church communicates using the language of love and belonging.

Fresh Expressions of Church

Fresh Expressions of Church are established for the benefit of people who want an alternative to the way church services and practices are typically perceived. Examples of such alternatives at St. Andrew's are listed below:

Messy Church

Messy Church is family orientated and is modelled on the key values of hospitality, celebration, all-age, creativity and Christ-centred worship. There is an emphasis on fun, food and friendship.

Where: The Chapter House

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
4.30pm – 6.00pm

Engage (Cafe Church)

Engage gives people the opportunity to worship, to learn from the Bible and to interact with one another in a relaxed and informal setting.

Where: The Chapter House

When: 1st Sunday of each month
11.00am – 12 noon

Open Church

Open Church fosters belonging and community. The “drop-in” style is designed to extend support and practical help in response to a diversity of needs.

Where: St. Andrew's Church

When: Every Friday and Sunday
2.00pm – 4.00pm

The Mission of God

Many long-held views about mission as something the church does have been called into question in recent years. Much of the current thinking about mission is now based on the idea that God is missionary by nature.

It is not the Church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a Church in the world.

Quote from Tim Dearborn

If God is missionary by nature then it follows that the church is also missionary by nature.

The church is an organization that exists solely for the benefit of non-members.

Quote from William Temple

The essence of mission is looking out for where God is already at work in the world and joining in. This view of mission puts the emphasis on God rather than the church. This liberates Christians from the sense that they have to find the energy, enthusiasm and motivation within the church alone for their missionary work.

Rather than mission being just another activity of the church alongside a myriad of other activities such as worship, pastoral care and social action, mission is more about the identity of the church. Everything the church is and does should be viewed through the lens of mission.

Our Purpose

The church of St. Andrew exists to know Jesus better and to make him better known.

Our Vision

In order to achieve the kind of future we are striving for, our vision is to promote:

- **A**dventurous Mission
- **S**pirit-inspired Worship
- **C**ommunity Engagement
- **E**xtravagant Generosity
- **S**trategic Leadership
- **I**ntentional Discipleship
- **S**upportive Administration
- **F**riendly Hospitality
- **C**aring Relationships

