

St Pancras Church

Mission Action Plan 2017

This Mission Action Plan has been prepared by the PCC of St Pancras Church to set out our plans for growth over the next three years.

I. Context and Vision

Our church stands on one of the busiest crossroads in Central London. Fewer than 7000 people live in the parish, but the daytime population of office workers, support staff, students, hotel guests, day visitors and rough sleepers is booming, particularly on weekdays. Numbers have increased sharply in the last decade with the arrival of the Eurostar and the expansion of UCL, and they will increase even more in the years ahead as the Kings Cross development is completed and HS2 & Crossrail 2 bring more people through Euston.

Every church longs to see its Sunday congregations grow, and its membership list expand. We share this concern, but we also long to exercise an effective mission and ministry among the thousands who spend time in the parish during the week.

'You are the light of the world,' Jesus taught his followers. (Matthew 5.14) Because of our location, we have an opportunity – and a responsibility – to help people see the light of God in the midst of their daily lives. We believe that we are called to be a 'beacon' city centre church, reflecting this light to the best of our ability. We trust that the light will draw people into the sacred space that the church offers for prayer, worship and conversation, where the ancient truths of the gospel can be articulated in creative and relevant ways. And we also trust that the light will shine out into the community and the wider world as we build relationships, share common causes, and speak prophetically about the issues of our day.

2. Our main aims for the next three years

- to continue deepening our relationships with God, with each other, and with the local community and the wider world (as outlined in our previous MAP)
- to at least double the size of the congregation
- to increase our opening hours and offer more events and activities that will draw visitors into the building
- to run our commercial activities in a way that reflects our values and mission
- to improve the appearance of the church and the gardens, and make all our publicity material accessible, attractive and effective
- to develop our partnerships in the community with people of all faiths and none

The following action points reflect these aims, and are intended to help us become the beacon city church we want to be:

3. Specific Action Points

1. Liaising with local community & businesses	By when	By whom
a) Re-establish trading stalls on front steps	by mid 2017	AS
b) Start an open coffee morning or tea party	end of 2017	AS + ?
c) Organise monthly talks – art/religion/history	by end of 2018	AS
d) Talk to Camden Council small business advisor	by end of 2017	AS
e) Campaign with others to improve air quality in parish	from mid 2017	?
f) Centenary of St Pancras Regiment in Jerusalem	Dec 2017	AS, DH & Reg.OCs

2. Improving our appearance and publicity		
a) Replace external noticeboards	by mid 2017	AS & ANP
b) Set up WiFi in church	by mid 2017	PCC/Advisers
c) Improve social media and internet presence	by end 2017	
d) Promote weekly e-bulletin to recital audience	early 2017	} G & O Working
e) Revise all leaflets in church	by end 2017	Party
f) Parking: display Just Park publicity in car park	early 2017	

3. Building		
a) Prepare & painting existing railings	?	CP team?
b) Floodlighting exterior: get advice and costing	by mid 2017	QI
c) Keep gardens looking good	All the time	Caretakers/CP
d) Railings around portico: get design and costing	by end 2017	QI
e) Anti-hoarding clean-up day	Feb 2017	Congregation
f) War memorial: arrange survey	early 2017	AS
g) Internal heating / lighting : get costings, then prioritise, linking in to architect items below	After QI report	QI
h) Need quinquennial architect : short and then :	March 2017	AS/DH/MO
i) Architect will then be able to advise various projects which we can then prioritise based on urgency/cost/desirability:	After QI report	QI/PCC
➤ Clean caryatids		
➤ Install toilets		
➤ Repair work on tower		
➤ Remove 2 rear pews, insert servery		
➤ Remove side pews		