

St Mary's, Hardwick: Our life and mission (and plans for 2014-2015)

*That you may know how deep and wide and high and long is the love of Christ
(from Ephesians 3:16)*

We are a strong church community, all ages welcome, all working together.

Broaden the base of people with particular roles and tasks - local ministry team



We support and care for each other

Create a programme of social events through the year - events committee

Develop approach to 'home communion' for house-bound - local ministry team

We are a welcoming presence in the wider community.

Be *clearly* present at the Hardwick Christmas Bazaar and at the Village Carnival (eg use a banner) - events committee

Open a community café in partnership with HE Church & the Community Assocn - café team

Make display representing more of church life in the church for visitors to see (eg children and families activities) - Sunday Club team

We work creatively with families and children.

Relaunch and develop Sunday Club - Sunday Club Team

Develop 'Sunday Club community' mailing list & termly newsletter

Continue pattern of seasonal fun mornings ('Messy Church' style) - Fun morning team

Consider launching something for toddlers & their families



We engage in contemporary & global issues

Run a Fairtrade stall at Harvest, Fair Trade Fortnight, Easter and Summer Afternoons cafe - Fair-trade rep

Provide catalogue and process for ordering - Fair-trade rep

Develop a link with a church overseas (eg in Rwanda)



We make the best of, and care for, our 'church' spaces

Work towards replacing portacabin: costs agreed; plan submitted; funding plan - new hall committee

Open church building for sanctuary and prayer - PCC

Consider removing some of the pews to make more flexible space - PCC

Develop churchyard and car park for wildlife and quiet space and community use - LOTS group

We are a church that prays

Promote prayer calendar, weekday Morning Prayer and 'call to pray' evenings - local ministry team

Use prayer stations in some services - local ministry team



We are a church that meets for worship—teaching, inspiring, involving—with our focus on Jesus

Preach on 'key questions' submitted by congregation - local ministry team

These areas of church life were identified by the PCC as particularly important to St Mary's at their away day on June 2013. The ideas and plans for development came from answers to a question put to the congregation in each area of church life: what do you think we can do to sustain and develop this area of church life? Responses were discussed by the PCC between July 2013 and Jan 2014.