

## **LEATHERHEAD PARISH – GROWING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST**

**To that end, in the words of our members,  
our Key Areas of Mission are:**

- **Worship**
  - encourage spirit-filled, appropriate and diverse worship
- **Growing as Disciples**
  - grow and share the love of Christ by
    - Bible-based teaching
    - development of small groups
    - identifying and enabling lay leadership
- **Evangelistic Outreach**
  - training - to grow in confidence re: above
  - improvements
    - encourage fun within the current church
    - what is happening here so it's attractive to invite others to
  - follow through: "better" services and sermons
  - offer hospitality - socials e.g. World Cup, workshops, signage /advertising, at church accessibility including parish office
- **Engagement with Community**
  - further strengthen our website to create a valuable community resource
  - raise the church's profile in the community
  - continue to develop strong links with all schools, state, independent and special
  - strengthen support for the blind community, those in residential care and other groups in need
  - improve our engagement with the whole of Leatherhead
  - establish a High Street presence
- **Pastoral Care - All Ages**
  - lower average age of Leatherhead parish church congregation
  - share our gifts with church, community and afar
  - listen and love
    - identify pastoral needs
    - find ways of meeting them
    - identify individual gifts and willingness to use them
- **Resources**
  - provide sufficient resources from the living Church and make full use of available talents, time and treasure
- **Ecumenical Links**
  - further develop co-operative relationships with other expressions of church
  - explore ways of working together to win Leatherhead for Christ

## **KEY AREAS BY GROUP**

### **GROUP 1**

1. BIBLE-BASED TEACHING
2. TRAINING/DEVELOPER LAY MINISTRY
3. DEVELOP STYLE/VARIETY OF WORSHIP
4. OUTREACH TO COMMUNITY - YOUNG/OLD
5. WORK WITH/RESPECT OUR ECUMENICAL PARTNERS
6. WORLDWIDE CHURCH
  - SUPPORT
  - AWARENESS

### **GROUP 2**

1. A WIDE RANGE OF WORSHIP RESPECTING BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL WORSHIP AND A WARM WELCOME
2. DEVELOPING MISSION TO NON-CHURCHGOERS AND INCLUDING CHARITABLE CONCERNS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY
3. STEWARDSHIP AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCING TO MAINTAIN THE CHURCH AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS
4. FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILIES WORK
5. BETTER COMMUNICATION AND SIMPLE MESSAGES
6. TRAINING NEW LEADERS (INCLUDING LAY LEADERS) AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROACTIVE DISCUSSIONS IN SMALL GROUPS

### **GROUP 3**

1. RECOGNISE THAT DIFFERENT STYLES OF WORSHIP ARE ALL VALID
2. RAISE INCOME AND INCREASE RESOURCES
3. ENABLE ALL MEMBERS TO HAVE A STRONG FOUNDATION OF FAITH IN GOD
4. CREATE A CHURCH THAT IS A LOVING, CARING, PASTORAL COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES
5. DEVELOP FURTHER STRONG CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
6. REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

### **GROUP 4**

1. WORSHIP AND PRAYER
2. TEACHING
3. FAMILIES AT ALL STAGES
4. PASTORAL CARE
5. BROAD WELCOME, MISSION AND OUTREACH
6. RESOURCES

## **GROUP 5**

1. GOOD WELCOME TO ALL TO THE CHURCH
2. KEEP TRADITIONAL AS WELL AS EXTEND OTHER FORMS OF LOVING AND JOYFUL WORSHIP
3. MAINTAIN CHURCHES OUTREACH
4. PROVIDE AND GROW LAY LEADERSHIP
5. EXTEND AND GROW YOUTH WORK AND THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY
6. DISCOVER NEW WAYS OF BEING GOD'S CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY

## **GROUP 6**

1. DEEPEN PERSONAL SPIRITUAL LIFE
2. SHARE THAT LOVE OF GOD
3. VARIETY OF WORSHIP
4. FINANCE
5. WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER CHURCHES
6. NURTURE AND USE OTHERS' SKILLS AND TALENTS

## **GROUP 7**

1. WORSHIP - DEEPEN DIVERSITY OF STYLES OF WORSHIP NOT NECESSARILY IN CHURCH
2. SPIRITUAL LIFE - EQUIP US TO BE MORE LIKE JESUS, THROUGH BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
3. COMMUNITY - REACH OUT INTO COMMUNITY; BE SEEN AND DEVELOP AWARENESS OF AND ACTION TOWARDS AREAS OF SOCIAL CONCERN
4. YOUNG PEOPLE - LOWER AVERAGE AGE - BY ATTRACTING YOUNGER PEOPLE
5. CHURCH FAMILY - EMBRACING ALL - NO CLIQUES HERE!
6. HAVING FUN (AND BRINGING IN FUNDS)

## **GROUP 8**

1. BUILDING UNITY WITHOUT UNIFORMITY, DEVELOPING DIFFERENT WORSHIP STYLES
2. GROWING IN FAITH THROUGH STUDY (INCLUDING SMALL GROUPS)
3. DEVELOPING PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT FOR ALL IN THE COMMUNITY
4. BEING CHRIST'S LIGHT IN THE COMMUNITY
5. DEEPEN INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER LIFE
6. STRENGTHENING OUR WITNESS THROUGH OUR WORK WITH OTHER CHURCHES AND NETWORKS