



Mission Action Plan: Summary

Our Mission Action Plan (MAP) details

Name of parish	Upper Deal & Gt Mongeham
Deanery	Sandwich
MAP Contact person (name and email)	Rev Mthr Monica Cameron

MAP details

Start date (when MAP was adopted by PCC)	20 th January 2025
Time period (1-5 years: 12 – 18 months is ideal)	2024 - 2027
When MAP review is planned	December 2025 and annually thereafter

Our Vision *(How we want to be described in 3-5 years' time)*

To bear witness of God's inclusive love and teaching to our community families and children through worship, fellowship, friendship and hospitality. To see our community shine and flourish inclusively in love and faith.

Our Mission Priorities *(actions we are focusing on for the 12 – 18 months)*

If possible, please indicate which of the three Bold Outcomes these relate to

1 Missional Learning Community	Signs of revitalisation
2 Reaching families and Children	Doubling the number of children and young disciples
3 Community outreach	New worshipping community



Our Goals *(the SMART actions for the next year)*

1 MLC

Continuing engagement with the six spiritual practices. Being aware that there are more and more new houses being build in our parish.

- i) Offer opportunities to deepen faith and grow in discipleship through small group studies. Prayer meetings.
- ii) Exploring opportunities for Godly Play resourcing through the Diocese
- iii) To grow confident Christians to not only recognise where God is at work but to voice it.
- iv) Facilitating quiet and peaceful spaces for reflection
- v) Sustainability- Three support ministers training on the Dover Pathway to help by focusing on the local community around three of the Churches. John Wakeman-St Leonard's, Nick Tomaszewski-St Nicholas' and Steve Manion-St Martin's

2 Children and young people

Over the past three years we have seen significant development in our efforts to build relationships with families, children and young people. Our little lights children service has grown out of our froglets pre-school play group.

- i) Obtain funding for a paid youth/ children & families project worker.
- ii) Training volunteers
- iii) Build on our relationship with our local schools and working in partnership

3 Community

We have a number of regular Community outreach activities, and some one-off activities. Also a new worshipping community called 'little lights' .

- i) Seeking ways to engage with the new residents coming into the new housing developments in the parish.
- ii) Seeking more volunteers from within the church as well as the local community; and providing appropriate training for them.
- iii) Continuing the current number of regular activities
- iv) Exploring further one off opportunities as we are doing eg quiz night, variety shows and concerts.
- v) Obtaining funding from the local council KCC and from DDC.
- vi) Finding more grants to support our activities

4 Lay Ministry

We have four care homes and a Hospital hub in our parish,

- i) Continuing working in partnership with the Deal ana Chaplaincy hub
- ii) Explore development of a lay pastoral team





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5 Communication

There is an identified need for better communication of our services and events.

- i) Improve our online and social media presence
- ii) Improve communication and information sharing in church and with the wider community.
- iii) Improve our website
- iv) Posters and leafleting- funding needed

How we will share our MAP with others

Please consider how you'll share your plan with your local church/Team/benefice, with your Deanery, and with our diocese. (For the latter, see the contact at the bottom.)

Deanery synod, improved website, Brunch service, parish magazine, ministry team meetings, the APCM, annual rectory garden party

Any further notes or points of information

Our parish is in the lowest quarter of the most deprived parishes In England, We have a population of 17369 and growing with new housing developments. We rank 3089 out of 12239. This gives an indication of severe community needs and the funding needed to meet the need . Our objective as a parish is to work together with other agencies to tackle the needs of our Community and Church.

We have the desire to work with the diocese to meet the objective of Net Carbon Zero by 2030. However given that we have three historic buildings we welcome help from the Diocese with ideas and funding.

You are invited to email this form, along with your MAP itself, to Steve Coneys, Mission and Growth Adviser at sconeys@diocant.org). Sharing your Mission Action Plan helps us all – to be encouraged and challenged, to learn from each other, and to share resources and see how we can support one another. The Diocesan team can also offer you support, including enabling your local MAP conversations. **Thank you.**



