

Provisional Growth Plan for St. Andrew's Avonmouth.

Partnership

We already have links with our local C of E School through assemblies and services at Christmas and Easter. These have grown over the past six months and it would be good to see how we can develop them further.

The church sponsors a session one morning a week for the advice service. We are trying to develop this by having a Credit Union collection point as well and serving tea, coffee and biscuits to those who come. We need to develop a team of volunteers to do this.

It would be good to improve the link with the Brownies the Holiday Play Scheme, Mother's & Toddlers, who meet in the Hall, and the only other church in the Parish, Avonmouth Evangelical Church, with whom we have joint carol service and Good Friday service.

There are on going discussions about developing the whole site in partnership with a developer in a way that would benefit the whole community.

Influence

I would like to see us beginning to promote Fair trade, getting involved in justice issues and letting the community know that we are concerned for issues that affect them. We have not really started on this yet, apart from the provision of an advice session.

Numbers

We have had one or two special services which we have invited those we are in contact with through Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Brownies etc.. We need to develop this by having a team of people to do the follow up and contact, not just the Vicar.

People do come to these.

We need to look at our regular services to see how we can better welcome people and make sure they feel part of what is going on.

This is all about inviting people to come – we need to look at how we can 'go'!

Commitment

We have concentrated in the last 6 months on developing our prayer life, through Morning Prayer once a week, Evening Prayer on Sunday at the vicarage, Praise & Prayer service once a month, a Lent study on prayer and a monthly prayer diary. We plan a Quiet day in June.

There is a need to develop small groups, including one to look at Basic Christian teaching for those wanting to be confirmed or who have just started coming to church.

We need to develop the gifts of lay people, especially in pastoral care and listening.

Provisional Growth Plan for St. Peter's Lawrence Weston

Partnership

Good contacts have been made with both Primary schools in the parish and as well as assemblies they have been into church for Christmas services.

The church hall is leased to a community project, the Rock. There has been little partnership between the two and sometimes even hostility. The vicar is trying to start building bridges but the congregation need to catch the vision too. There are lunch clubs, mother's and toddlers and various other activities where contact is welcomed and could be developed.

There is also the City of Bristol College and various youth activities going on where as yet we have had no contact. There is great potential here too.

Influence. – see above for St. Andrew's.

Numbers. – see above for St. Andrew's, but note that there are no uniformed groups to invite and compared to the large number of people who come to the Christingle at St. Andrew's there is no such large fringe who come occasionally to St. Peter's.

Commitment. – see above for St. Andrew's but there is no equivalent of the Prayer & Praise at St. Peter's. The quiet day is for the two churches together and will look at what it means to be the Body of Christ.