

## ST MARY'S PURPOSE STATEMENT

To worship God and share in the community Jesus' love and message of hope.

### MISSION ACTION PLAN

The Mission Action Plan was agreed unanimously by the PCC on 13 May 2008, and was presented to the Bishop at Caritas on 21 June 2008.

Our Mission Action Plan for 2008-2009 is to focus particularly on **worship, discipleship and stewardship**.

#### APRIL 2008

Start an enquirer's course: 'Christianity Explored'.

#### MAY 2008

Hold a week of events centered on a children's Holiday Club, as well as various outreach events (organ recital; antiques evening; garden party with stalls etc).

#### AUTUMN 2008

Run a second enquirer's course: 'Christianity Explored'.

Address stewardship and giving.

Continue door-to-door visiting, aiming to complete the parish by Easter 2009.

Prepare for 'Purpose Driven Church' for Lent 2009.

Review our communication; internally and church to parish.

Review and decide on the way forward for our youth work from summer 2009 onwards, when our current student youth worker ends her three year study course.

Start planning to address the issue of having a church building that, as we grow, could soon become too small.

This will include a crèche and making better provision for accommodating disabled people, including an accessible toilet.

#### LENT 2009

Start 'Purpose Driven Church'.

#### BY THE END OF 2008-09

Have the church building open seven days a week.

Have increased the number and extent of small groups.

In 2009-2010 we believe God is calling us to focus particularly on **outreach and building the Christian community**.

Continue to seek to increase our discernment of God's will through spending time with Him.

Train for and then supply targeted help for the village, initially parenting, marriage preparation, marriage course and bereavement care.

Continue work on church building to ensure it is as adequate as possible for God's work in Billingshurst.

Continue and extend youth work as decided on in 2008/2009, centered on the church on Sundays and weekday nights, and in the three schools (Infant, Junior and Secondary) in the village.

In 2010-2011 our focus will probably be **evangelism and mission**, especially among the working families and younger people of the village.

Review the past three years, acknowledging that plans may change in the light of our discernment of what God wants us to do and be.