

St John's Mission Action Plan – revision and review 2007

Purpose: To sustain a pattern of worship and teaching through the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to meet the pastoral needs of the city centre and make the best use of our church, keeping the building open for activities, which serve the worship, pastoral needs and other purposes of the city centre community and its visitors.

Aims

- To develop further use of the church building as a focus for worship, social and cultural life in the city centre.
- To expand the number of people who contribute time and effort to planning and presenting church activities.
- To increase the economic viability of the church so that it can remain self-supporting in the long term.
- To make known the existence of the new city Parish, and its ministry to city centre workers, visitors and inhabitants, and secure fresh recognition for its role in public life.
- To develop our partnership with other city centre churches on matters of common interest.
- To adapt and equip the church building to ensure a sustainable future that meets the needs of worshippers, visitors and local community.

Objectives	Evidence	Satisfactory?
Completing the process of parting with St James' building and re-locating sacred articles as agreed	Redundancy granted 1 st August, work of re-location incomplete	<i>Not at all</i>
Improved publicity for the church, its assets and events to local people, city visitors and tourists.	Several press articles, TV Dr Who and Black Wales docu coverage	<i>Yes</i>
Service to business, visitors and local voluntary organisations by making the building available for meetings, exhibitions, and displays.	1 Painting, 3 photographic exhibitions	<i>Sustained, no development</i>
New opportunities for adult Christian education and spiritual formation.	Tuesday Lent Lunchtime service. Lent Lectures cancelled. Alpha running	<i>Could do much better</i>
Getting the building featured in regional tourism promotion, increasing visitor interest in the religious buildings of the city centre.	Tourist and visitor numbers have risen above 15,000+, and the church is featuring in websites and brochures	<i>Getting there - more to do</i>
Extended use of the building as a venue for choral and instrumental concerts.	Increase to organ events monthly, with a few choral/chamber concerts.	<i>Room to improve</i>
Sponsorship of events and artistic activities in the church building by the city business community.	Application made to SD2 community fund for first time	<i>Wait and see</i>
Increase in regular church attendance by new and existing members	Numbers just stable but undiminished by changes in church accessibility	<i>A relief</i>
Improved income generation from occasional usage of building, special donations, and space rental for card shop and art exhibition.	Income is in excess of expenditure but only due to benefits arising from changed quota after benefice division.	<i>No room for complacency</i>
Active participation in the life and welfare of city business with special reference to impending re-development	New Churchyard garden opened, and proving a popular success	<i>Certainly</i>
Improvement of the tea room facilities, and financial arrangements.	New outside furniture. New security cameras and radio-net, now in place	<i>Pleasing</i>
Research and plan the installation of geothermal heating plant for the church.	Proposed for consideration	<i>No progress</i>
Improve security of church windows	Fundraising project 80% completed	<i>A miracle!</i>
Enhance safety of churchyard access by improvement of path surfaces, and renew furnishings (bins & benches)	Faculties in place, offer of matching street paving under consideration.	<i>Promising, but slow</i>
Repair window structural damage and repaint interior	Faculty granted, work begins October	<i>Yes</i>
Plan and prepare for major refurbishment of tower and west entrance in 2009, to make church safer, more visitor friendly, also promoted in connection with the Castle	CADW favourable to plan, church welcome team 'branding' plan to aid tourism funding applications	<i>So far, so good</i>
Increased ecumenical partnership work with other city centre churches	AJF chairs CCCT this year. Parish & CCCT granted £30k for research on church-local government relations	<i>Very pleasing</i>