

Christ Church Emery Down

Our **Parish Mission Action Plan** will be based on our **Vision Statement** which is of a spiritual, vibrant, worshipful, caring and adaptable church catering for the needs of the congregation and the community it serves. Statements from our response to the Deanery MAP questionnaire included:

GROWING AUTHENTIC DISCIPLES

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Demonstrating through our daily lives what it means to be a Christian.

RE-IMAGINING THE CHURCH

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Improving the profile of the church by offering it as a community resource through our *Fresh Expression* service 'Sunday at Six'.

Holding fewer services based on the Book of Common Prayer and by introducing 'YouChurch' - a monthly lay-led service for all.

Asked local residents to help with churchyard upkeep through occasional working parties.

Liaising with the Lyndhurst Branch, Royal British Legion for a service of commemoration at our Lychgate on the evening of 4 August 2014 and holding annual service on 11 November.

Holding community days to monitor and record the memorials in our churchyard as part of the New Forest National Park Authority's landscape scheme *Rediscovering and Conserving our Archaeological Heritage project*.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO

Research the lives of the people named on our war memorials in Emery Down and Lyndhurst, in liaison with the Lyndhurst Branch, Royal British Legion, and to publish a record.

Compile visual image catalogues of past life and events, from postcards, for residents at Hartwood House to help to release past memories of local life, in liaison with *How We Used To Live* (our local history group).

BEING AGENTS OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Meeting the needs of vulnerable people within our parish through close ties in community and the system of lay pastor visiting.

Taking part in the five-monthly Churches' Together rota for 'Carers' Café'

Maintaining good links with Rwanda.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO

Improve our understanding of challenges faced by others and to strengthen our links with partner diocese.

Consider that mutual exchange visits would benefit all involved and raise profile of the partnership within the non-worshipping community.

BELONGING TOGETHER IN CHRIST PRACTISING SACRIFICIAL LIVING AND GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Have registered for the *Parish Giving Scheme*.