



Mission & Action Group

Meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2007

Present: Nancy, Denzil, Leah, Oswald, Jean, Muriel, Denzil, Stephen.

1. USPG Project

The PCC asked this group to choose 3 or 4 projects which could be presented at the December PCC meeting for members to choose from. The list of 14 projects was narrowed down to:

1. Access to Education

Access to Education works with Anglican churches as they seek to give children the best possible start in life. The four church-led initiatives in this Project are essential in regions battling with extreme poverty, the effect of HIV/AIDS, hostile terrain and inadequate resources.

6. Children First

Today, 640 million children are living without adequate shelter. 400 million have no access to safe water, and 270 million have no access to healthcare. These are massive problems, but by partnering with church-run initiatives such as these Children First is making a real difference to the lives of many children.

9. Life on the Edge

focuses on work in three areas of Asia – the Delhi Brotherhood Society (DBS) in India, the Church in Pakistan and the Anglican Church in Myanmar. Together they run grassroots schools, farms, hospitals, eye clinics, hostels and open-air schools. They run village-based healthcare education programmes and counselling facilities.

14. Chance of a Lifetime: HIV/AIDS, Malaria and TB

In 2005, 2.8 million people died from AIDS. A further 4 million were infected with the virus. Each year there are 300 million acute cases of malaria, resulting in more than a million deaths. In 2004, there were 1.7 million deaths due to TB.

2. Mosque Visit

- to invite the Maki Mosque to come to St Agnes on a Sunday next year tying in with our Love Life Live Lent theme of 'Being a Good Neighbour' (in future years perhaps invite other mosques?)
- 30th March (as Easter flowers will still be fresh!)
- welcome for food at 12noon then open for hour or so to browse
- displays to include: Baptism, Eucharist, Marriage, funerals, Christmas, Easter, Mary & saints, Whit Walks, church events photos etc
- have vegetarian food available
- more preparations at next meeting

3. Peace Week

1st-9th March 2008 – hold an event to remember those from Longsight who have died or been hurt as a result of violent crime. Possibly hold prayer/open space/oasis during the week.

4. Christmas Cards

Lots of money is spent on Christmas cards for congregation members by congregation members – many of whom see each other lots over the Christmas season. After some discussion (acknowledging the comfort value of cards, particularly for those who live alone) it was agreed to try the scheme from World Vision: a huge card is placed in church for people to add their message/signature/wish. People then place a donation in the box for World Vision. This saves people money, raises money for charity and helps the environment! Denzil to send off for card etc.

If it is a success this year then perhaps next year we can ask Junior Church to make the card for us – a huge card large enough to walk around!

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2nd January 2008