

SOUTH CARDIFF MINISTRY AREA



A CREATIVE & RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITY WHICH IS
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OUR VISION TO GROW 2022-2027



The churches of South Cardiff Ministry Area have a rich tradition of prayer and worship, community service and outreach.

Each of our four churches based in Butetown, Grangetown and Splott is embedded in the community of which they are a part, and we are committed to working together, collaborating and sharing gifts and resources so that we can make a real change.

We also love to work with other partners in the community, and build friendships and relationships which extend beyond our own church communities to include people of all faiths and none.

We love to celebrate and socialise, enjoying fellowship and creating and nurturing a true sense of community and belonging. Living and ministering within a diverse and multicultural community, we know how important Identity is to people who live here.

We celebrate within the rich catholic tradition of the Church in Wales. We are a Eucharistic Community, nurtured by Word and Sacrament, trying to live an Incarnational life by discovering Jesus at the altar and in the streets, when gathered as a church community and when at home, at work or at play.

In each generation, our churches have creatively adapted to change and the needs which have been presented to us. This generation is no different.

We want to make a world of difference in a world of difference.

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We are

a community of communities, crossing bridges, bridging boundaries,
reaching out in friendship to make a difference.

We have

a strong identity as Christians in the catholic tradition of the Church in Wales
but we also love and embrace difference and diversity. There is so much to learn from each other,
and we respect and value the journey others are making.

We are

part of the fabric of Butetown, Grangetown and Splott in South Cardiff Ministry Area
and love to work in partnership with others to create strong and vibrant communities.

We have much to share with others, helping to enrich the diversity and growth of the wider church and community, releasing our gifts and resources through a culture of generosity and mutual love, as we recognise and celebrate that we are all part of the one Body of Christ. Likewise, we are keen to learn from others, working together in creative ways to enrich the Church and our outreach.

We want to be a church that is creative, resourceful, sustainable, generous and thankful,
and each of our aims will be done in a way that is creative.

The following outlines some of the ways in which we aim to be

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A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

More than just greeting people when they come to one of our churches, this is about creating a culture of warmth and invitation, sharing what we have and who we are, nurturing a sense of belonging and purpose.

It means reaching out to those who would usually remain distant, and befriending the stranger, the lonely, the vulnerable and those in need.

It's about fostering a strong and healthy community of love which extends beyond our buildings and provides a meeting point, a shared exchange with all we meet.

WELCOMING

ACCESIBLE To make our buildings and activities inclusive and accessible to all, to ensure that all feel welcome and valued

- Undertake an accessibility and inclusion audit with particular regard to disability and special needs
- Greater awareness of protected characteristics through education and training

BUILDINGS To ensure that our buildings and estate are welcoming, hospitable, safe and nurturing places for all, and serve both the church and the wider community

- In Grangetown, we will pursue plans to redevelop our church sites to make them fit for outreach in the future, including moving forward with exploring the use of St Paul's Church, and making the most of its current site.
- In Butetown, we will begin to make funding applications for the development of St Mary's Church (including a visitor engagement area to welcome visitors, tourists and the local community, celebrating our heritage and identity, redesigning our entrance ways into the church and garden. explore the repurposing of some of our others including the hall, old vestry and gardens.
- In Splott, we will explore the reimagining of St Saviour's Church through a community consultation so that we can serve the needs of the congregation and local community.

CYMRAEG: To improve and strengthen our Welsh language provision across the Ministry Area.

- Introduce Welsh into our liturgical celebrations.
- Provide bilingual resources
- Create bilingual signage

INCLUSIVE: To ensure that our worship and social activities are accessible and participatory, inclusive and relevant.

- Ensure that social events are affordable (free), accessible and relevant to the congregation and local community as appropriate, and to distinguish between fundraising events and social events
- Create signage and publicity that is clear, attractive and welcoming
- Review the ways in which our worship is accessible and involving of all – including published resources and the liturgical space, intentionally encouraging and involving people in particular ministries
- Ongoing review of times of worship to ensure they are accessible
- Enable and encourage involvement from across our congregations

SCHOOLS: to welcome schools into our churches, and to build and strengthen relationships

- Create a comprehensive programme of resources to engage with local schools in their delivery of the curriculum.
- Build upon the close relationship and partnership we already have with our church schools.

A FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

Prayer and Worship is at the heart of all that we are called to do, and the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life together.

We will continue to enrich our worshipping life to feed our faith, strengthen our service, enable us to grow, and provide a meaningful encounter with God and one another.

FAITHFUL

WORSHIP To provide a rich tapestry of worship on Sundays and through the week with various expressions of prayer and worship

- To continue to ensure that each Sunday Mass is well planned and delivered with Lay participation, and relates to everyday concerns
- Promote the Daily Mass and other devotions and times of prayer (e.g. Divine office, Rosary, Benediction, other prayer times)
- Create and share resources for prayer

FESTIVALS To make the most of the rhythm of the Church's year with its feasts and festivals

- plan and provide a full programme of events, celebrations and festivals each year and publish a general calendar 6 months to a year in advance and updated regularly
- Make each MA celebration a real celebration of our gathered congregations on Solemnities

NURTURE To help our congregation to grow in faith, and to become more theologically and biblically literate

- A well-planned Lent with themes and Lent Course
- Regular Discipleship Course – 'Bread of Life'
- Baptism and Confirmation Preparation
- Provide Teaching Resources – online and literature
- To be involved in and promote 'Enter the Mystery' events and opportunities

YOUNG PEOPLE: to support young people along the Christian journey.

- Baptism, first Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation
- Regular Youth Event
- Resource and develop Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sunday School)
- Provide resources and opportunities/events for young families
- Encourage and enable participation in The Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

LIFE EVENTS To strengthen and enrich the celebrations of baptisms, weddings and funerals and other life events and pastoral events

- Review the way we interact with those seeking occasional offices, supplemented by good quality resources
- Celebrate Life events, e.g. birth of a child, Back to School, Anniversaries of Death, times of illness, new job, moving home/blessing of homes
- Celebrations such as Mothering Sunday
- Regular Mass of the Sick with Laying on of hands/anointing in each church
- Opportunities and events for prayer and reflection both in person and online, and particularly active and visible in venues and places across the Ministry Area with a particular presence in Cardiff Bay.
- Online and digital resources.

PILGRIMAGE To build upon our strong tradition of Pilgrimage as times of deepening faith and extend opportunities to the Ministry Area and others.

- Promote and encourage Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- Promote and encourage pilgrimage to Penrhys and Glastonbury
- Create a programme of pilgrimage to Flat Holm
- Create a local pilgrimage programme
- Provide Pilgrimage Resources
- Provide pilgrimage opportunities to other destinations

GIVING: To embed the need for Christians to give generously and realistically

- Annual Giving Campaign
- Signage and Literature always available to make Giving easier
- To make more of Digital Giving
- Reminders in weekly bulletin and regular preaching
- Share and celebrate with everyone re: where the money goes / consideration of Fairer share, etc

CREATE AND SHARE To be resourceful and generous, and look for new ways to share the gospel and make a difference

- Undertake a digital audit to strengthen and enrich our online presence and implement its recommendations so that we more effectively use online and digital resources as an evangelistic tool
- Share creative resources for churches and schools online and in person and print

A JUST COMMUNITY

We are already doing so much to meet many of the presenting needs of our community, and the church is a significant and respected partner in the life of our communities.

We will continue to build upon these solid foundations so that our work is co-ordinated, measurable, more effective and sustainable.

We will strengthen our service to all in need, working for a safe and cohesive community.

Our aim is to make a world of difference to our communities.

JUST

COMMUNITY MAP To evaluate our present resources, activity and influence across the communities to inform our plans to bring change.

COMMUNITY ORGANISING To use Community Organising as an effective tool or change in our activity

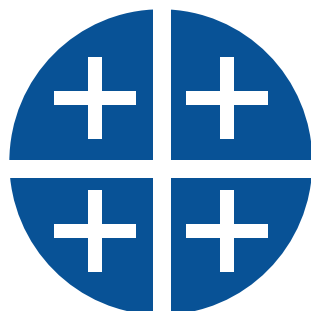
ENVIRONMENT To become a more environmentally responsible and sustainable church

SANCTUARY To deepen and develop our outreach to refugees and asylum seekers

DIVERSE AND STRONG: To celebrate our multicultural community and ensure that we continue to build friendships with people of other faiths in order to create a strong, cohesive and peaceful community.

HOMELESSNESS To support those who are homeless, and act on issues of housing and homelessness

- Map out our activities and key links within our communities
- Map out the presenting needs with particular emphasis on issues such as child poverty, fuel and food poverty, the cost of living, loneliness and mental health, housing and homelessness, and to use this tool to help us be a Just Community
- Sign up as paid members of Citizens UK
- Commit to training for clergy and laity
- All clergy to have completed the 6 day training
- Continue to be part of the 5-year Youth Endowment Fund
- Pursue the Eco Church Award to strengthen and guide us in our environmental responsibilities.
- Complete the process of the Community Sponsorship Scheme through Croeso Butetown to welcome and support a refugee family
- Explore establishing groups in Splott and Grangetown
- Strengthen our links with WSSAG and Oasis and other organisations which work with Refugees
- Continue to celebrate Refugee Week across the MA as a platform for celebration and education and to create an environment that is welcoming and empathetic.
- continue to be involved and embedded in *More in Common Network*
- Work with our schools and other partners across the Ministry Area to celebrate and welcome diversity and difference through projects and engagement throughout the year, such as *Black History Month* and *Windrush Day*
- Provide opportunities to share our experiences with others beyond the MA (with online and in person resources) eg Training Days, Faithful Butetown, etc
- Trial and review the *Faithful Butetown Discovery Day* project for schools, and make it more widely available during the following year, working together to create a community of respect, tolerance, understanding and love.
- begin to explore how to extend this ministry across the Ministry Area and offer similar experiences to others.
- Relaunch *South Cardiff Interfaith Network* to build friendships and so create a strong and cohesive community.
- Celebrate Interfaith Week
- Homeless Charter outlining our response to housing issues, and our commitments to those experiencing homelessness.
- Explore ways in which we can deepen our response to those who are homeless, and build stronger relationships with service providers and others, whilst helping to create a safe space for all



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