



The Church of Scotland
Presbytery of Edinburgh

PRIESTFIELD PARISH CHURCH – 2017

NEXT STEPS

Local Church Review – Section 3

Jesus said: "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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This is the part where we look ahead.

It's not the last word on what the future will bring – rather it's a start on a cycle of review and reconsidering the congregation's activities.

So how do you see church life changing and developing?

What you are hoping to do?

Why are these the right steps on the journey?

How are you going to take these steps?

When you hope to do these things?

What will you **need** to take these plans forward?

Note that the boxes will expand when you type in the answers. If you need more sections simply highlight, copy and paste at the end of the document.

WHAT?	<i>Engage with the diverse needs of the local community in ways appropriate to their settings.</i>
WHY?	<i>To be relevant to the local community and be able to communicate effectively with its various parts.</i>
HOW?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. Work with Presbytery and Craigmillar Park and Reid Memorial Churches to define the roles and responsibilities of the approved Mission Development Worker as well as the governance and management structures to be put in place.</i><i>2. Work with the appointed Mission Development Worker to define a parish-based outreach programme to complement the area-wide missional work.</i><i>3. Continue to develop the new Thursday Soup Lunch to meet the needs of the broad local community.</i><i>4. Maintain and develop the links with Prestonfield Primary School.</i><i>5. Explore ways to support local homeless people and those living in B+B accommodation.</i><i>6. Continue to support a broad range of agencies helping the homeless</i>

	<p><i>and those in need across the city; Bethany, FreshStart, BasicsBank, Street Pastors, etc.</i></p> <p><i>7. Support and encourage links with Newington Churches Together, especially working together in mission.</i></p> <p><i>8. Support and encourage the work of Cameron Toll Chaplaincy.</i></p>
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WHEN?	<i>On a continuing basis.</i>
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NEED?	<p><i>Congregational resources are finite and care is taken to ‘target’ them accordingly.</i></p> <p><i>The level of activity proposed can probably be sustained from existing congregational resources although the ability to undertake additional new initiatives will be limited.</i></p> <p><i>Partnership with others will ensure that available resources, particularly people, are used to best advantage.</i></p>
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WHAT?	<i>Reach out to the student population in the parish in partnership with Edinburgh University Campus Ministry.</i>
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WHY?	<i>To present a relevant Christian message to the significant local student community and be able to support students effectively at this key stage in their lives.</i>
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HOW?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Continue to develop an informal, accessible and missional style of worship.</i> <i>2. Develop our use of music in worship which reflects the changing nature of the congregation.</i> <i>3. Work with the Edinburgh University Campus Minister to develop a complementary and supportive parish-based student outreach work to the resident student population.</i> <i>4. Develop working arrangements with Campus Minister.</i> <i>5. Update the website to give a simpler, more attractive and missional appearance and introduce mechanisms for keeping it up-to-date.</i> <i>6. Develop the use of attractive material already produced for</i>
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	<i>'Connections' to populate Facebook and other platforms to reach a broader readership in a missional way.</i>
WHEN?	<i>On a continuing basis.</i>
NEED?	<i>Congregational resources are limited and care is taken to 'target' them accordingly. Partnership with others will ensure that available resources, particularly people, are used to best advantage.</i>
WHAT?	<i>Make disciples.</i>
WHY?	<i>This new explicit LCR objective reflects the progress that has been made in recent times in reaching out to the local community in a wide range of ways. It is intended to give practical expression to the Great Commission imperative to, 'Go and make disciples.'</i>
HOW?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Sustain and support the fortnightly, Thursday evening, 'Praise and Prayer' meeting, developing if possible the inter-church links with Craigmillar Park and Reid Memorial Churches.</i> <i>2. Implement strategies for developing the discipleship and prayer life of the congregation.</i> <i>3. Develop and implement strategies for making disciples; 'From passers-by to disciples.'</i> <i>4. Continue to develop monthly 'Messy Church.'</i>
WHEN?	<i>On a continuing basis.</i>
NEED?	<i>The training and enabling of the whole congregation will be an essential part of the resources needed, as will collaborative working with the Mission Development Worker and the congregations at Craigmillar Park and Reid Memorial Churches.</i>

WHAT?	<i>Maintain and enhance the fabric assets of the congregation and church to maximise their missional value.</i>
WHY?	<i>This action is part of the congregation's stewardship responsibilities and focuses on the imperative to use the buildings as positive mission tools. It continues work undertaken over the last ten years.</i>
HOW?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Complete the refurbishment programme with the redecoration and upgraded lighting for the upstairs hall.</i> <i>2. Develop the church garden as a space for quiet enjoyment by the wider community.</i> <i>3. Develop and implement a costed programme of work to upgrade the manse OR sell the existing manse and purchase a new manse.</i> <i>4. Develop proposals for the re-configuration of the eastern end of the building to provide better toilet facilities and improve accessibility.</i>
WHEN?	<p><i>It is intended that items 1 and 2 will be undertaken in 2017/18 and 2018/19.</i></p> <p><i>Substantial progress with the work to upgrade the manse or sell and purchase a new manse (3) will need to be made in 2017/18.</i></p> <p><i>The development of proposals in 4 will be undertaken in the next five year period, depending upon the scale and cost of the works associated with 3.</i></p>
NEED?	<p><i>Items 1 and 2 will be undertaken from within existing (people and finance) resources.</i></p> <p><i>Item 3 will probably require significant additional resources. Consideration will need to be given to congregational giving for the project (Gift Day) as well as loans and grants from Presbytery and General Trustees.</i></p>