**what is the Mission Action Toolkit?**

The *Mission Action Toolkit* is a straightforward process that can help local churches to explore the three Missional Aims of the Diocesan Vision and to work together with others toward achieving those aims. The three Missional Aims of the Diocese are:

To see **transformed lives**:

through **growing church**

**1. EXPLORE**

the theology behind the missional aims and how churches can contribute to them

**2. REFLECT**

on how much the church is already contributing to each of the missional aims

**3. DISCERN**

which areas of the missional aims it might be right for the church to focus on and how

**4. PREPARE**

to respond to God’s invitation to take part in his Mission by deciding on some actions

**5. JOURNEY**

carry out the actions decided on, taking note of how God is working as you do so

and **building community**

**what does the Toolkit contain?**

The Toolkit is a pack of several different resources to help churches to think and pray through the mission of God in their communities and to grow and develop that mission through the three Missional Aims. Here are the main parts of the Toolkit.

* This **Quick Start Guide**, offering an accessible introduction
* An **Introduction for Church Leaders**, a more detailed guide
* A set of **Resource Sheets** based on the three Missional Aims
* A **Missional Aims Summary** to list the various aspects of the aims
* A **Questionnaire**, used to gather information from the church
* An **Action Sheet** to record the actions your church undertakes

Other resources are also available through MAP for Derby Diocese.

**how should we use the Toolkit?**

The leaders in the church should read through the **Introduction to Church Leaders** and decide how best to use the Toolkit for their church. Each church is different, and the toolkit is designed to be flexible and adaptable, with many options and different approaches possible. The Toolkit can then be used in the whole church, with the five stages of the process as a guide.

The diagram opposite gives an overview of the stages that the church will follow in the *Mission Action Toolkit* process, and the back page of this leaflet gives an outline of what will happen at each stage.

**where can we find help?**

The *Discipleship, Mission and Ministry Team* are always on hand to offer help and guidance as you move through the *Mission Action Toolkit* process. Contact details are on the front of this **Quick Start Guide** – just get in touch and we’ll point you towards the right person. The **Introduction for Church Leaders** also offers further help and contact information.

**the stages of the Mission Action Toolkit process**

*stage one: explore*

You will explore the three Missional Aims together. This may simply be a timely reminder or less familiar work for the church, depending on how familiar they are with the concepts, but either way it will lay an important foundation in understanding why engaging with the Missional Aims is important. The **Resource Sheets** will offer material to help you to do this.

*stage two: reflect*

In this stage, you will celebrate what God is already doing in Mission through the church and where God might be challenging you to grow and develop in mission. The **Questionnaire** and the **Resource Sheets** will help you to gather information from the whole church about where you are.

*stage three: discern*

In this stage, you will prayerfully discern, through examining the results of your work in stage two, in which aspects of the Missional Aims God may be challenging you to develop and grow. This doesn’t mean that any one aim is more important than any other, or that some may be ignored, simply that there are one or more areas that you need to focus on at this time.

*stage four: prepare*

In this stage, you will respond to the challenges that God has laid before you through stage three. This will involve deciding on a set of actions that the church will undertake. The **Action Sheets** will help you to record these actions in detail and make them specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timely.

*stage five: journey*

In this stage, you will carry out the actions that you identified in stage four, ensuring that you stay in touch with God and the whole church and that you review your plans regularly. The **Action Sheet** will help you to do this. As you journey, it will be important to continue to pray and listen to the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit.

*stage five… and a bit: do it again*

Yes, we cheated a bit – but it’s not really a stage. Once you’ve completed the actions, you can move back to stage 2 to reflect again on where God has led you and look to continue the journey.



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To download the full Mission Action Toolkit, scan the QR Code or go to:

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