



## GROWTH ACTION PLANNING 2010

### OUR VISION

How we want to be described 5 years from now

WE WANT OUR CHURCH to be a welcoming community of people who love God and show that love by our relationships with each other, our community and our world. We want to take our faith seriously and to grow together as we grow closer to God, both as individuals and as a church.

1. Be better at seeking to know what God wants for us as church
2. Make clearer connections between our faith and the world around us
3. Show more clearly that we are a church which makes room for all

### OUR GOALS

3 for the coming year

**GROWTH ACTION PLANNING** at St Michael's began by working on assessing our church against *The Seven Marks of a Healthy Church*. We then invited the congregation to join in, either at a Sunday afternoon gathering, or by making a personal return. What was fascinating about the results of this consultation was that the overall scoring was identical in the PCC, in the Sunday group, and in the collated results of the individuals.

This resulted in a decision to work on six concrete steps towards each goal. We also came up with a vision statement for St. Michael's, to which we hope all of us will be able to assent.

You will probably find a PCC member ready, willing and able to talk to you about GAP very soon. We hope at the end of the year the whole congregation can be involved in reviewing our goals, and setting new ones for 2011. Please offer your own thoughts to the Vicar, a Churchwarden, or a member of the PCC.

**St Michael & All Angels**  
**Bramhall**

GOAL		ACTION
<b>All PCC members to share &amp; take responsibility for progressing plans</b>		
<b>ONE</b>		<b>Be better at seeking to know what God wants for us</b>
	Step 1	Update the whole church community on our GAP vision
	Step 2	Diocesan Doorway course—view to running one within 12 months
	Step 3	Encourage Bible study, starting by publicizing availability of notes
	Step 4	Encourage fellowship/study groups to use the same materials periodically
	Step 5	Provide ideas/materials about listening to God for church groups
	Step 6	Further occasional quiet/meditative/informal worship
<b>TWO</b>		<b>Clearer connections between faith and the world around us</b>
	Step 1	Establish a group to explore what extra resources or services we can offer to the community
	Step 2	Explore how to foster a relationship with Pownall Green School under its new Head
	Step 3	Progress proposed link with Tanzania
	Step 4	Organize one Sunday afternoon and one Sunday evening about missions and charities we support
	Step 5	Publicize ecumenical activity at the Mill and Centrepont
	Step 6	Provide study, discussion and prayer materials that help people to explore their daily living as an expression of their faith
<b>THREE</b>		<b>Show more clearly that we're a church with room for all</b>
	Step 1	Compile and publicize information about current study and fellowship groups
	Step 2	Facilitate formation of additional study and fellowship groups
	Step 3	Recruit three more children and young people to read and serve in worship
	Step 4	Establish a lunch club mainly for retired men
	Step 5	Help the congregation to get to know each other better during services
	Step 6	Explore how we might to optimize value of written communications for the congregation/wider parish