



Leaside Church, Ware

High Street, Ware. SG12 9BT

Mission Action Plan

2018 - 2023

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Our Mission Statement

Through care and nurture, we witness to the Gospel of Christ and share that Gospel through service within the community.

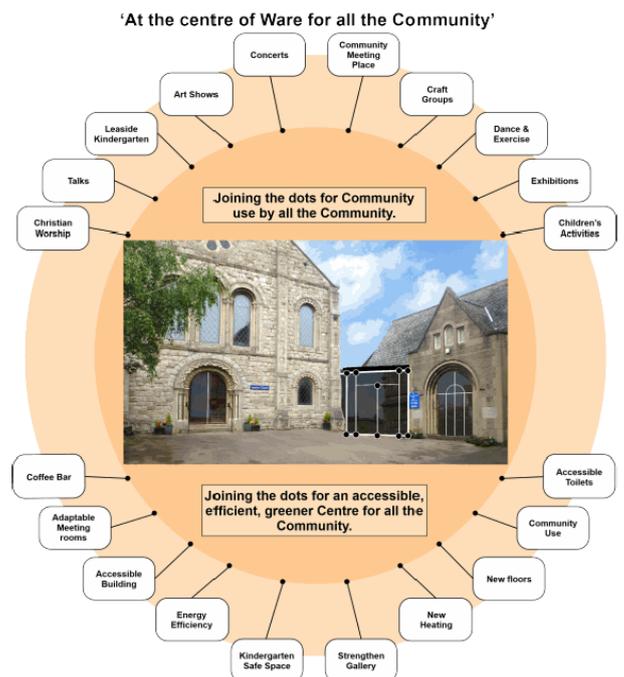
Vision and calling

The project to redevelop our building is the result of years of prayerful consideration, seeking guidance on God's calling for Leaside.

- We are keen to engage with a changing world, to live out discipleship in worship and mission, and provide new opportunities for people to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ.
- This has given us the confidence with faith to move forward, building on our established foundation of community involvement.

We already provide a welcoming home for a range of church and community groups, including Leaside Under Fives Kindergarten.

- The creation of a new secure area for the Kindergarten will enable other rooms in the hall and the church building to be used fully during the week.
- Improved access and facilities will help enable us to become even more welcoming and hospitable, embracing all people equally.



Outreach

We seek to display the love of Christ, reaching out into the community and connecting with people in all walks of life, inviting them in and meeting their needs.

- A priority for Leaside is its work with the **very young** (*through the Kindergarten*), **the elderly** (*through the 'Listening Place' and other activities*) and **the vulnerable** (*for example those with special needs*). We plan to extend this work, particularly with young people and the elderly.
- We know that people already come to Leaside for all sorts of reasons, not necessarily related to church activities, but all are part of the church family and they will always be met by God's love.

As well as our outreach to those coming in to use the premises, Leaside members will continue to be actively involved in a number of different outreach activities in the town, going out to meet people's needs. These currently include;

- Street Pastors
- Ware Food Bank,
- LoveWareLiveWare (ecumenical initiative organising community fun-days and other events in local neighbourhoods),
- Ware CAP Job Club,
- Herts Welcomes Syrian Families,
- the Fairtrade Town Group
- Christian Aid.

Evangelism and Church Growth

Leaside has an established reputation as a welcoming and caring church but we will not let this make us complacent. The close network of pastoral care continues to provide Christian support to the congregation and those on the fringes of the church family.

- Through being open and responsive to the needs of the local community, we will take every opportunity to witness to our faith, both through our actions and our words.

With the completion of our redevelopment...

- We will explore introducing more innovative forms of worship and reflection at varied times of day, and the provision of more opportunities to help people to learn and grow as Christians.
- The new building will provide a platform from which to embrace our local community, and somewhere we can nurture disciples.
- We will be open to God's guidance as we embrace the opportunities to serve the community and further God's kingdom in Ware.