

Mission Possible: a summary

Assumptions

- *Our primary task as a church is the work of mission. ... We are called to share with people the good news of Jesus Christ and of God's love for them. We are called to go and make disciples, to baptise and to teach.*

The Whole Church Mission and Ministry Policy

- Mission is primarily an attitude of mind and heart and may be undertaken in a wide range of ways.
- Mission Possible is not a year's project which will end in March 2014 but an on-going Diocesan journey of discipleship and ministry.
- 'It is more important to reshape and refresh people than to reshape and refresh the structures of the church.'

Bob Jackson

The process is designed in three phases (not necessarily equating to sessions)

1. What is Jesus calling us to do?

Ann Morisy's afternoon topic at the pre-Synod day was Mission and Venturesome Love. Inviting us to consider what we might learn from the life of Jesus, she asked us what stories in Jesus' ministry inspired us the most. She also encouraged us to reflect on what we learn from the life of Jesus about the nature of God's kingdom.

2. How do we share the vision within the congregation?

We will consider together how we can remove the barriers to talking together about our faith.

3. How do we share the vision in the community?

We will then look at how we can share that faith in our local community both when we are gathered for worship and sent out for service.

At each stage, congregations will be encouraged to set MAD actions:

Modest

Achievable

Done by Advent/Lent /Synod

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Mission Planning

Identifying how to live a congregation's call *is* mission planning. Each congregation will be asked to draw together their thoughts and agreed actions in a simple mission plan.

At the Diocesan Synod conference 2014, congregations will be invited to share their Mission Possible story, focussing on the three questions:

- What we believe Jesus is calling us to do
- How we are sharing the vision of God's Kingdom with each other
- How we are sharing that vision with our community

As before, each congregation (or group of congregations) will have a visitor, and this time around, we will be looking for a local link person who will convene discussions between visits.

It goes without saying that our congregations while having common concerns and features, are varied. Some will be consciously thinking and acting with a mission focus. Where there is mission engagement, the process should be seen as integrating and enriching that rather than adding extra tasks. So for some it will be an opportunity to reflect on what they are doing, while for others it will, we hope, encourage an outward facing attitude where there has been a focus on mere survival.

The process will include a range of activities and reflections for visitors to select from depending on what stage their congregational groups have reached.
