Map Update- January 2025

Map Team- Rev'd Peter, Rev'd Brown, David Harding, Cynthia Harding, Shea Hollis (MAP Coordinator)

Key Priority: Community Outreach/Hub Coordinator: Shea Hollis		
Action Area	Detail	
Foodbank	 Rev'd Peter Will be announced as the new Centre Manager this week (being the first port of liaison between the Foodbank Staff and Church, liaising with volunteers, ensuring smooth running during the sessions themselves etc. He has been added to Centre Manager comms groups and Sonia and current Centre Manager Jane will be his assistant managers Foodbank Project Manager Sarah Vitty did a reading at our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, bringing family members to the service. We continue to welcome new interest in wider church life and services through Foodbank visitors; there are regular requests for prayer, questions about groups and services and enquiries about baptisms etc. There are some Sunday Mass attendees who found us through the Foodbank. The prayer chapel has been particularly popular. We need to re-promote the Church Foodbank Collection and be more consistent in putting the crate out on Sundays(perhaps this becomes part of the Stewards role) 	
Tackling Social Isolation- clubs and activities	 Prayer Chapel now open every week day and is being used by a range of people in the community (including the prayer request slips). The addition of the option of leaving a phone number means Rev'd Peter texts those he is praying for, leading to replies. A simple but impactful ministry. Senior Social Club and First Friday Club continue to thrive and regularly operate at capacity, with people travelling from as far away as Mottingham to attend. The monthly Music Recitals on Fridays continue to bring visitors and regulars into church. Online services- streaming has continued, including some of the services outside of the normal timetable, like Midnight Mass. Request for a Bible Study at a different time than Wednesday morning- looking at combining this with an evening Lent course. 	
School Connections	 Continuing with school worship assemblies in school and school services in church; the school visited for Christingle and KS2 Christmas Concert, which was attended by many families and led to much interest in our Christmas services and subsequent attendance at these. Children's Church had stall at school Faire 	

	 Foundation governors continue to be actively involved in school life. They have taken on new roles on subcommittees and as Link governors for key areas. Next First Communion Classes scheduled at school
	 Family friendly events communicated and shared with school community e.g. Table Sale, Pet Service, Christmas Bazaar and Services.
	 Children's Church having a stall at the school Christmas Fair.
Community Events	Community involvement in Café Church (see more below)
	 Guides and Brownies had stall at Christmas Bazaar and Rev'd Peter attended a session to hold a Christmas quiz.
	 Christmas Bazaar allowed many people to come into church informally. It also raised a good amount of money for church funds!
	We held a Christmas Concert with Bellingham Music Service in the December Café Church slot, which was
	suggested by a school parent. This had performances by local children as well the Wuntanara Drummers. It also
	generated many toy donations for the Lewisham Salvation Army appeal. The congregation for this were mostly
	newcomers and many were interested to learn more about our other services and events.
	 Tony Miller organised his annual collection and raffle for Crisis and raised £600.

Key Priority: Grow number of	of Children& Young People Coordinator: Cynthia Harding
Action Area	Detail
CYP Paid Worker	 New funding for Southwark Diocese is being made available for Youth projects. Cynthia is investigating whether we can apply.
Speak to young people	 The Youth Group has now been running for nearly 6 months.
about what they want	 Their initial project, the litter has been met with great enthusiasm and gratitude by the church community.
	 They have raised £120 through two Hot Chocolate pop up shops and have further fundraising plans including a talent show in Spring.
	 They are meeting with Archdeacon Chignor on 15th Jan for a supper session to share ideas.
	 The group are looking forward to moving to the new Meeting Room but will need at least one new volunteer for safeguarding reasons.
	 Children's Church have recently welcomed some new families, one who first visited for the Light Party on All Hallows Eve.
	They also require at least one more volunteer adult helper.

Intergenerational/ all age	 4th Sunday all age worship continues to run well and families are becoming used to the pattern (all age service in
worship	March will be 5 th week due to Mothering Sunday)
	 Youth church continue to be involved in intercessions on the all age service
	 Café Church- see more in Sharing The Gospel section below.

Key Priority: Sharing the Go	spel Coordinator: David Harding
Action Area	Detail
Intergenerational- all age worship	 See detail above Café church format- see below
Different format of worship, contemporary music- St Johns @4 style	 Café Church numbers are now picking back up We are trying to encourage Youth attendance and involvement in Café Church- currently Olive and Daniel attend The Children's Music Concert took place at December session with Bellingham Music Centre. Lewisham Local/ Bank of Things attending March session
Guest Speakers	See above
Kerb appeal- smarten up the grounds. Noticeboards	 Noticeboard and banner update- new welcome signs are up and being well received. Grounds around church much busier since foodbank move (although most issues are from Green Man staff using car park. Rev'd Peter continues to work on parking issues, including closing the gates. The school have also been communicating to parents about the problems.
Welcoming Church- Everybody welcome	 See above under Community Outreach Café Church Vulnerable Users policy Pet Service Youth & Childrens Church Refreshments after church- updated policy to free for all with optional donation Foodbank
Signage and Publicity	 Advertising, leaflets and social media- new leaflets planned (see above) Signage- see above Inviting people to church Door to door visits- the team felt this did not fit well with the vision. Online services- see above