

Appendix: MAP 2017

St Mary's Church's MAP 2017

Our main priority for mission and outreach for this YEAR OF THE BIBLE as reflected in our 2017 MAP will be: *To encourage members of our congregation and members of our school community to have a clearer understanding of/be more familiar with the Scriptures.*

During the year, the following events and activities form an important part of our parish programme:

- **JANUARY:** *Tuesday 24th January - Travelling Roadshow at St Mary's Church, Southgate at 7.30pm, a presentation entitled 'Exploring the Bible Story'. The presentation, led by Bishop Richard Jackson, will give an overview of the Bible.*
- **FEBRUARY:** *Saturday 11th February - An open Deanery Synod Meeting at St Andrew's, Furnace Green, Crawley starting at 10am, at which The Reverend Canon Dr Anthony Cane (The Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral) will speak on 'How the Bible is the Word of God'*
- **FEBRUARY:** *Study sessions focussing on some of the Old Testament Prophets. Dates, times and venue to be confirmed.*
- **MARCH:** *Diocesan Lent Course entitled 'Hear the Word of the Lord' - for 5 weeks, beginning the first full week of Lent (week beginning Sunday 5th March) and to be held on Thursday evenings and Friday mornings. The course will focus on different parts of the Bible and the various types of literature, which will allow for individual reflection as well as group discussions.*
- **MAY:** *Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Friday 19th May - Sunday 21st May*
- **MAY/JUNE:** *Exploring the Gospel of St John through a series of movie viewing sessions.*
- **JUNE:** *Tuesday 20th June to Saturday 24th June: Trip to experience the 'Life of Christ' drama at Wintershall - One of these dates to be chosen.*
- **JULY:**
 - *Pilgrimage to Chichester Cathedral - with a biblical focus e.g. Stained-glass windows depicting Bible themes. Date to be confirmed.*
 - *Bring your Teddy Bear to Church Sunday - Sunday 9th July. Teddies will be encouraged to bring their Bibles with them!*
- **AUTUMN/WINTER:** *'Season of Invitations': which will include Harvest Thanksgiving on Sun 1st October and a Special Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for departed loved ones.*
- **DECEMBER:** *Bible Sunday 2017 - 10th December - when every church in the Diocese is asked to do something special to make the Bible come alive in their local communities. We will be inviting our school to work with us on this.*

Please note: Also to be arranged for some point in 2017: Bible Study Courses, and a Quiet Day at Burrswood Healing Centre, Groombridge with the Rev. Jo Drew (the focus of which will be the healing ministry of Jesus)

Some dates are provisional and may be subject to change. Please keep an eye on the weekly