



REAL MISSION: Sermon Series

Missio dei (the Mission of God)

Dear All,

As a Church over the last eighteen months we have focused upon the Vision that God has laid on our hearts; to grow in the knowledge of Him (**Real God**), to mature as His community (**Real Church**) and to be His disciples (**Real Lives**). The learning from these series and through the outcome of our Café Church meetings led us to focus on **Real Gifts**. The intention and aim is now to turn to **Real Mission**; to understand what this Mission is and to discern from God what this would look like for St Aidan's.

During our series on **Real Church** we looked at **Mission** and saw that as redeemer, God's mission, through Christ, in the Spirit, is to restore and reconcile the fallen creation (Colossians 1: 20). The Anglican Consultative Council identified five **Marks of Mission** for the Anglican Communion worldwide (detailed overleaf). These Marks of Mission together with the detailed five **Values for Missionary Churches** will underpin our forthcoming focus on **Real Mission**. In this series we will remind ourselves about that Mission then focus on three **Priorities of Mission**. This will conclude with a Café Church. This series will inform how we discern God's will for Mission at St Aidan's in the Fall as we then work on topics such as: Understanding our Context; Options for Mission; and Sharing our Faith (through Sunday service, E.F.L. and House Groups).

To assist in this commitment the contents and timing of the series are detailed below. The sermons will be recorded and there will be supporting study notes. The notes will again be designed for individual study or study within house/small groups. The sermons will be placed on the website so if attendance is not possible the learning need not be missed nor personal and group study be adversely affected (study can continue in the summer).

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Date	The Priorities of Mission	Bible Readings
7 th June	Priority One: Mission at the Centre	John 3: 14-21; Acts 1: 6-11; & 1 Peter 3: 13-22
14 th June	Priority two: Mission and Worship	Luke 14: 7-24; Ps. 95: 1-8; & Romans 11: 33- 12: 2
21 st June	Priority three: Mission without Compromise	Luke 19: 11-27; Ps. 27: 7-14 & Philippians 1: 12-30
28 th June	Café Church – to confirm our learning and discern God's will	Colossians 1: 15-20

The Five Marks of Mission

1. To proclaim the Good News of God
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The Five Values of a Missionary Church

1. A missionary church is focused on God the Trinity
2. A missionary church is incarnational
3. A missionary church is transformational
4. A missionary church makes disciples
5. A missionary church is relational

May the Lord bless and guide our endeavours together in His Mission.

Thank You

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Real God, Real Church, Real Lives