

# Tell

the good news of the kingdom

- *“Services are done well”*
  - But church not a prayerful place before services
- Treasure everyone who comes in
- Meet the needs of older people
  - Offer transport to church
  - Services in “the courts”
- Meet the needs of younger people – make them feel included
- Try more informal services, at different times, for different groups
- Open air service on Good Friday
- Notice boards important for both impression and message
- Open the church and garden more as shared and sacred spaces
- Share with other faiths

# Teach

baptise and nurture new believers

- *“Whether 6 or 106, we are all still learning”*
- Involve people in different activities
  - Bible study
  - Garden
  - Art Explosion
  - Ladies' group, book group/needlecraft
- Empower laity to lead
  - Explore Fresh Expressions
- Lent and Advent groups
- Pilgrim course
- Activities for children wished for
  - Experience Easter
  - Messy Church
  - Godly Play
  - Jointly with other churches?

# Tend

to human need in loving service

- *“We are not talking about more people in church on Sundays”*
- Regular social opportunities
- Involvement in the local community
  - Friends of Ladybarn Park
  - Community Guardians
  - Litter picking
  - Links with Civic Society
- Excellent support for sick, dying and bereaved
- Commemoration of All Souls service valued
- WW1 commemoration plans
- Hall (and increasingly the church) heavily used by local organisations – also raises money for St Chad's!
- All-age Saturday morning café?

# Transform

unjust structures of society

- *“We must remember that religion is for all of the week – not just Sunday!”*
- Christian Aid
  - Christian Aid Week
  - Special collections
  - Can we do more?
- Traidcraft and Fair Trade Fortnight
- Support for new Food bank
- Links with Peace and Justice group at Holy Innocents
- Harvest and Christmas collections
- Support for Wood Street Mission

# Treasure

## the life of the earth

- *“Treat the Earth with respect – it is a treasure given us by God”*
- Open Gardens
- Heritage Open Weekend
- Community Wildlife Garden and recognition from
  - Friends of the Earth
  - We ♥ Manchester
- Improved insulation and reduced energy consumption &c. in Hall
- Recycling

# Change & Growth

Not one of the Five Marks of Mission but mentioned by many participants

- *“A willingness to experience change is important”* (Bishop David)
- *“Is there a willingness with the existing congregation to see growth?”*
- *“Some people show resistance to change leading to difficulties in growth”*
- *“Different times to when we were young in church”*  
(Anonymous participants)
- We are comfortable with what we do
- Leadership is of primary importance
- Lay participation – everyone joins in