



Vision Process - Summary Report

Comprising feedback from the Vision Day held on the 17th May 2009, including analysis of post-it notes, group discussion summaries (morning and afternoon) and collation of information arising from the Questionnaires (35 responded).



Overall statement

St. Edward's Church seeks to be open to everyone who can access Services in the English language. Its members value: fellowship with other Christians, friendship and support, ministry amongst children and young people, that it is welcoming and a variety of Worship is offered (Traditional Anglican Communion Services to less-formal modern Family Services for all ages). St. Edward's seeks to be open and inclusive, not desiring major change but willing to make changes, against personal preference, if it helps others. Casa Benson is a potentially great resource for engagement with the wider community and should be retained for exclusive use by the church, however, it is acknowledged that it needs updating which should be done as a matter of urgency.



Immediate Actions

WORSHIP

- More variety in church worship, particularly more modern music/sung responses/doxology
- Greater inclusivity and interactivity in services
- Greater usage of data projector
- Involvement of more people in welcoming
- Development of opportunities for prayer and prayer ministry
- Review Christmas play, explore changes to format

Action:
Vision Day Group taking responsibility

OUTREACH

- Identify Community needs
i.e. for housebound, elderly, sick, newcomers, family support
- Ecumenical activity
- Social events (non-churchy)

CHURCH BUILDING / FABRIC

- Re-ordering - exploration of potential and scope
- Investigate replacement seating
- Lighting interior/exterior of church

CASA BENSON

- Upgrade of electrical wiring
- Refurbishment of kitchen
- Replacement of water heating system
- Refurbishment of bathrooms
- Create a meeting/social space with sofas

Action:
Formation of team

COMMUNICATION

- Complete Church Identity project to have available business cards, welcome cards etc.
- Improve and have local control of website

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Development of own space
- Representative for liaison and communication (*Megan Ryckman appointed*)
- Explore use of Casa Benson for movie nights, lock-ins and events, dedicated web-site
- Social events (linked with outreach)



Medium Term Actions

WORSHIP

- Consider other styles, such as more contemporary, shorter services
- Review of monthly worship pattern to appeal to a broader range of backgrounds (additional afternoon/evening services?)
- Review of preaching, less lectionary bias, address topical issues
- Development of alternative worship services, e.g. Iona, Evensong, Reflective, Café, etc
- Co-ordinate worship resources across all services
 - appointment of worship coordinator?
- Encouragement of new musicians
- Involvement of other people in leading services, reading, intercessions etc.
- Involvement of more people in preparing the church for worship e.g. flower arranging
- Monthly Bible Study. evenings/afternoon?
- Organisation of quiet days/retreats/study sessions
- Guest preachers (pulpit swaps)

OUTREACH

- Calendar of Social Events
- Targeted contact with the English-speaking community
- Improve physical 'visibility'
- Invitation Services
- Guest speakers
- Men's breakfasts/dinners
- Specific links with mission partners outside Switzerland
- Ecumenical activity in projects

CHURCH BUILDING / FABRIC

- Investigate wheel chair access
- Involvement of other people in cleaning/maintenance
- Improved audio (with link to Casa Benson)
- Fixed Screen and data projector

CASA BENSON

- Repair and re-painting
- Develop for multi-functional use, e.g. mums and tots, social programme, exhibitions, concerts, table tennis, film nights, auctions, music lessons, etc

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Improved area for children/crèche
- Greater involvement in schools/colleges, including TASIS and Franklin College
- Mentors for young people
- Mission trips

COMMUNICATION

- Welcome Pack (containing information for new-comers)
- Improve communication, notice boards, sign board, welcome, areas for sharing information
- Enhance identity, church to wider community by social events linked with fund-raising (secondary importance)
- Secretarial/Administration assistance
- Website/podcasts/recorded services

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Link up with Eco-congregation initiatives
- Identify potential for a 'greener' church
- Improvements to re-cycling
- Appointment of 'Environmental Champion'

TRAINING

- Housegroup/Bible Study leaders
- Lecture series
- Baptism/Confirmation
- Initiate Marriage and Parenting, Bereavement counselling courses,



Long Term Actions

WORSHIP

- Development of worship band/youth orchestra
- Drama group (Easter play?)
- Organisation of church weekend away

OUTREACH

- Drop-in café open every day at Casa Benson for all ages
- Casa Benson as a Resource centre, eg library, Italian lessons
- Mission initiatives

CHURCH BUILDING / FABRIC

- Install wheel chair access
- Acoustic barrier for railway
- Relocation of Church entrance to opposite side
- More efficient heating
- Review/update electrical wiring
- Repair and redecorate
- Development and improvement of garden and church surroundings

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Employ youth minister/worker
- Establish a Youth Club with links to wider community