**Growing Ministry Together**

[**Direction: resources for action planning options**](https://www.canterburydiocese.org/growingministrytogether/direction-resources-for-action-planning-options/)

**Planning a church vision event**

Use the [mission action planning (MAPing) cycle](http://canterburydiocese.trial.churchedit.co.uk/content/pages/documents/1584056227.pdf), to ‘[review, choose, plan and act](http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/mission-action-plans-map/)’.

If you are planning a church vision event, why not consider these questions?:

* Who might we partner with amongst other churches in our benefice or deanery?
* Would an external facilitator be helpful? Contact Peter Ingrams to find a facilitator, pingrams@diocant,org 01227 459401.
* Should we use a venue outside the parish? [Here are some ideas.](http://canterburydiocese.trial.churchedit.co.uk/our-life/spirituality-discipleship/quiet-days-retreats-pilgrimages/retreat-centres/)
* Should we set up a team to establish the purpose of the event, plan it and follow through with the outcomes?

**Have a time of prayer**

Why not give thanks for God’s guidance and for the future direction of the church?  You could do this in a formal way with an organised service of thanksgiving/intercession for guidance or in an informal way through group prayer/individual prayer.

**Invite the local community to respond to questions about the role of the church in the community**

Contact Jonathan Arnold, Director of Communities and Partnerships, jarnold@diocant.org or 01227 459401 for examples of how this has been done in other communities both rural, suburban and urban.

**Your APCM can review the past discerning God’s hand and set direction for the future**

See the [sample outline](http://canterburydiocese.trial.churchedit.co.uk/content/pages/documents/1584056382.pdf) of how it has been done in one church.

**Find out more about the locality your church serves**

Explore what local needs there are and the ways you might meet these more fully e.g. through databases and community based organisations which have information about poverty indicators, age profiles, educational needs, social service needs, etc. Contact Jonathan Arnold (see above).

**Share what actions or resources you find make a difference to you:**

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