

## **Tailor-Made, not Off-the-Peg!**

### **MAP is looking good in Glasgow and Galloway this spring**

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#### **Exciting MAP stories**

On 28 April a group of us met at Holy Trinity in Ayr to discuss MAP experiences so far, and to refresh our ideas about the process. We were a group of Facilitators – some had started work with a congregation (or two), and some about to start – and we were working with the Dean and MDO (otherwise known as Ian and Anne), but very pleased that the Bishop also decided to join us for the morning sessions to offer his insights and encouragement.

Above all we were encouraged by the individual stories of our churches and our people. Mission Action Planning in Glasgow and Galloway is designed as a bottom-up process where we all have lots to contribute, where everyone is valuable and where, when we start to work, we discover with joy that the Holy Spirit steps in and takes us to new and unexpected places.

MAP is tailored differently to fit each congregation. We were fascinated to see and hear that, where work has already started, it is being carried on in all sorts of different ways. The facilitators have all seen how much talent and thoughtfulness exists around the Diocese.

#### **Great new MAP resources**

We all had a good look at the new diocesan Community Audit tool, which is already being well-used by congregations doing MAP. This is a thoroughly helpful resource that can be adapted for use by any congregation anywhere. Some of our charges are being highly forensic, designing detailed surveys for their local communities. Others take a more generalised approach but still manage to distil clear views about themselves and their place in the locality. There is no 'right' way to do the audit: what matters is to see what is needed locally and to try to view our church and its setting dispassionately.

The diocesan web site offers a goldmine of helpful resources for Mission Action Planning – including new MAP intercessions and six really good workbooks specially designed for our diocese. More are coming soon. Look for them all at <http://md.glasgow.anglican.org/> More than twenty charges are now working on MAP, so there will soon be lots more opportunities for sharing stories around the Diocese.

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