



Marks of Mission

Questions for week 1: Tell the Good News

1. The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed or yeast - they work away unseen, they take time, but produce tremendous results. *What is the mustard seed, the yeast, in your life, that contributes to the life of the church?*
2. *What **actions** could we take **as individuals** or are already taking, **to sow seeds of love** to bring the Kingdom of God to the folk of our community?*
3. *What **actions** are we taking or should we be taking **as churches to sow seeds of love** in our communities?*
4. *Are there things in our personal lives and in the life of our churches which are **not** bearing fruit? **What is God asking us to leave behind** in order to have energy and time for new initiatives?*
5. ***Who** in our circle of friends, who in our community, **has questions that they would like to explore?** How do we find out and how do we help them in that exploration?*
6. *What actions of the church, myself, might be **keeping folk from experiencing God's love** for themselves?*

Questions from the General Assembly via Presbytery to be thought through

1. Congregations are encouraged to be **outward looking**, engaging with their communities and the wider ecumenical church. *Please offer **new ideas** on how this might be achieved in your parish or record how you are already promoting successful and sustained local mission and ecumenical work.*
2. For the church to find its place in the 21st Century it may have to create **alternative worship and service opportunities** differentiated to meet the needs of niche groups. *How might your church accommodate the needs of those whose sense of belonging is primarily through informal gatherings, social networks and the virtual world?*
3. As ministry teams and laity involvement grow, *how might the deployment of volunteer and paid ministry be used **to enhance Mission and Service?***

*Everyone is invited to discuss these questions in a congregational zoom conference, from **10am – 11.30am** on **Saturday 22nd January**. Zoom log-in:*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84351696643?pwd=Q0NoNVJQUdlsSVhDaXIOL1AvMnk0QT09>

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