

A Vision for St Mary's, May 2007...

'A big space, a gentle pace and an open spirit', sharing the love of God in Christ

Who are we?

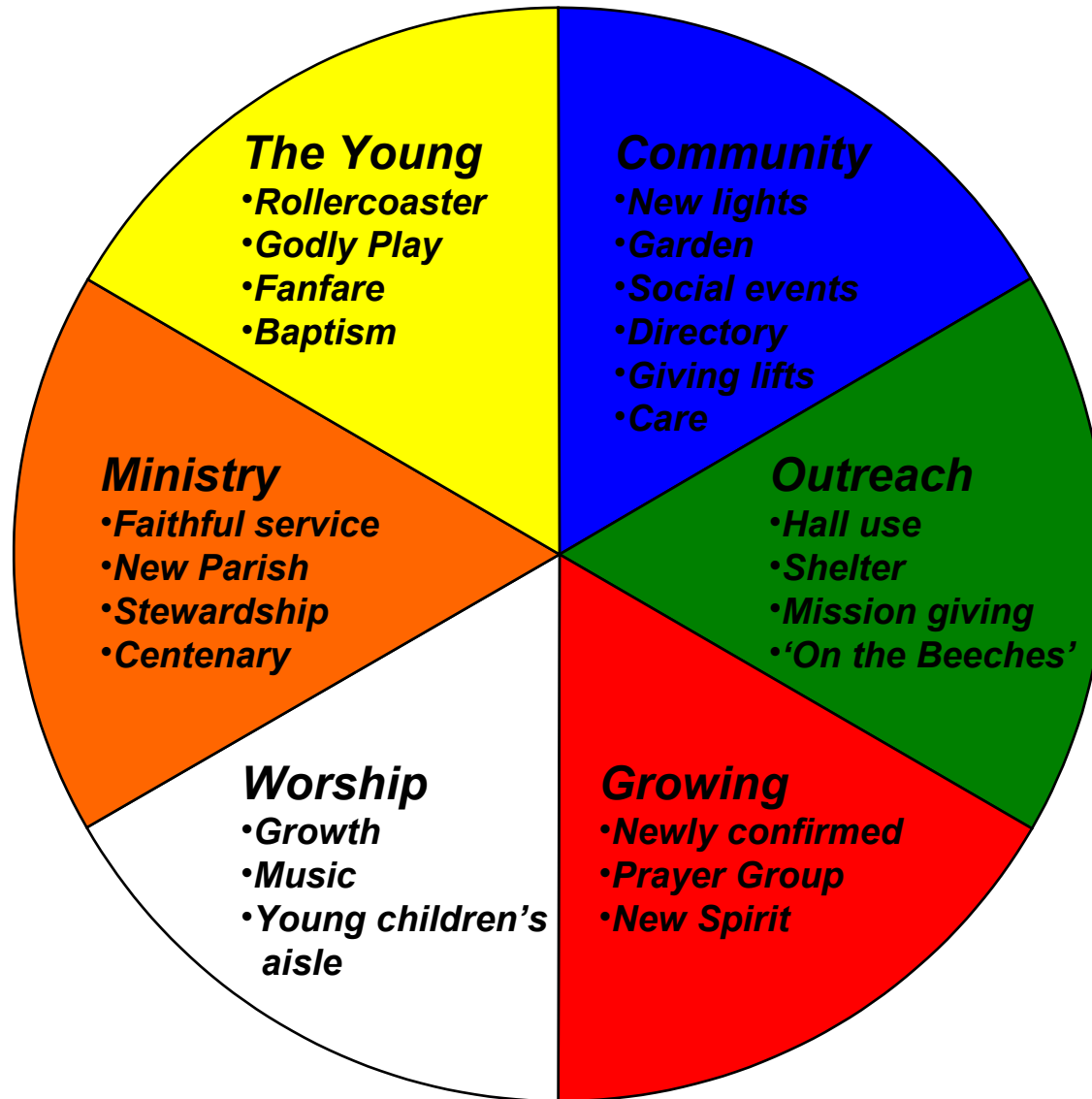
- We are blessed with many people who 'do their bit' in many ways with love and commitment, and we want to encourage others to take part in the life and work of the church here
- We are a small suburban church with a strong choir and good band; worship is important to us
- We have a spiritual and flexible building that is quite anonymous from the outside
- We need to get to know each other better, and develop our outreach
- We have been part of the Sanderstead Team for over a year, and need to grow into it

How we want to be and how we want do things (in areas of our life, not in priority order)

- 1. Worship** We want to be a thriving place of Christian worship and spirituality, open to all and
- 2. Outreach** We want to be more open to others locally and beyond, opening our church building more, and communicating better, to be known as a place of love and welcome in our community
- 3. Church community** We want to know each other better, to care for each other, enjoy ourselves, work together to get things done, welcoming people of all ages, and to root our common life in prayer, depending on God, and feeling an infectious sense of fellowship
- 4. Provision for children** We want our church to be welcoming and easy for children and their parents; we want to offer spaces for them to have fun and blossom in spirit, and to play a full part in the life of the church; and we want to offer space for young people to grow in faith, and to socialise
- 5. Growing & learning** We want to be confident in our faith and in our identity as the body of Christ at St Mary's and as part of the Sanderstead team, to offer space to share questions and doubts, to grow and to learn

This is our vision for renewal and growth from God

We celebrate...2007- 08



We hope for...growing in Christ 2009-10

