

## Appendix A : GCM

### LMC: Enabling Mission: Priorities 2017-18

Summary of small group discussions: General Church Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

<b>'In' – 'Come and See'</b>	
Café (and resources facility alongside as part of community 'hub')	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop –increase physical space and extend provision.</li> <li>• Extend hours in week and weeks open in year</li> <li>• Provision for operating on more professional basis</li> <li>• A more visible site</li> <li>• Internet access/starter courses</li> <li>• Place for young parents/families to meet</li> <li>• To include/address specific needs groups – e.g bereavement</li> <li>• Offer Christmas dinner for the lonely</li> </ul>
Publicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearer advertising in village – notice board</li> <li>• Advertise more beneficially in 'Littleover Little Book'</li> <li>• Advertising Littleover 'Puddle Duck'</li> <li>• Improve front of church premises – more welcoming, more attractive</li> <li>• More events in front area of church</li> <li>• More activity on Sundays in front of building</li> </ul>
Use of LMC premises (or part of café community hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By other organisations</li> <li>• By other 'surgeries' – baby clinic, job centre</li> <li>• Offer counselling facility – mental health, debt,</li> <li>• Health/live well courses</li> <li>• Offer facilities (as are usually associated with libraries)</li> <li>• Need for focus activities for 18 – 30 age-group</li> <li>• Include university students</li> <li>• Take over LLAHS/provide more activities for the elderly</li> <li>• Exercise classes for the over 60s</li> <li>• Just looking groups</li> <li>• Parenting group/courses</li> <li>• Book club/film club</li> <li>• Specific interest discussion groups/art exhibitions</li> </ul>
Outreach events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E.g. Comedy night/Christian music gigs in evening</li> <li>• Personal contacts</li> <li>• One-off events e.g. dinner nights</li> <li>• Ladies/men's/youth events</li> </ul>
Provision of transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To extend services to elderly</li> </ul>
Strengthen links between groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniformed organisations and youth groups</li> </ul>

'Out' –'Reaching out'	
Presence in Littleover village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Litter-picking</li> <li>• Use of T-shirts for publicity</li> <li>• Cooperation with other churches and avoid competition</li> <li>• 'Our Littleover' – copy success of 'Our Mickleover' to build community</li> <li>• Open satellite café/pop-up café</li> <li>• More frequent open-air services in village</li> <li>• Healing on the streets – as happens in Derby</li> <li>• 'Picnic in the Park' opportunity</li> <li>• Regular Saturday activity/event in village</li> <li>• Do the unexpected to bless the community – e.g. balloons.</li> <li>• Strengthen Easter witness</li> <li>• Getting involved in community projects – e.g. Littleover in bloom</li> <li>• Going into pubs/cafés</li> </ul>
Contact with schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help with reading</li> <li>• Other practical help</li> <li>• Gap left by 'Illuminate'</li> </ul>
Presence at Royal Derby Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praying and listening</li> </ul>
Befriending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting people in their homes - to tackle loneliness</li> <li>• Phone line to support listening service</li> <li>• Contact with care homes</li> <li>• Advertise what we offer in doctors' surgeries</li> </ul>
Church Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support closing/struggling church</li> <li>• Supporting work at St Martin's</li> </ul>

NB – the following points were also noted:

It is recognised that some of the above ideas will need training and equipping to develop specific skills.

We shouldn't lose sight of the fact that we are about the gospel/that we are god-centred - not a community centre.

We're a medium-sized church that thinks it is big – our viable volunteer base is smaller than we think.