



St Luke's Church

Mission Action Plan (MAP)

2020 - 2024

- The original MAP was completed in 2020 and has been developed and re-assessed following the challenges and opportunities presented by the COVID pandemic and as we prepare for a new Vicar.
- This document illustrates some of the work currently undertaken within St. Luke's – and our plans, hopes and intentions for the coming weeks, months and years.
- The document is put together through prayer & discussion with the Parochial Church Council & the Vacancy team with input from the wider congregation through a questionnaire.
- The MAP is underpinned by the Church of England's 5 marks of mission: Tell, Teach, Transform, Tend and Treasure.



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In every aspect of being and doing church we want to...

- Up** Worship God; Father, Son & Holy Spirit and be intentional in our worship, committed to prayer with Jesus at the centre of our lives.
- In** Know Jesus personally and be growing as faithful disciples.
Be united in relationship with Jesus and with one another.
- Out** Reach out to others and the world around us demonstrating with Jesus that Life Matters.
Model & share God's love so that others come to a personal relationship with Jesus.

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TEACH

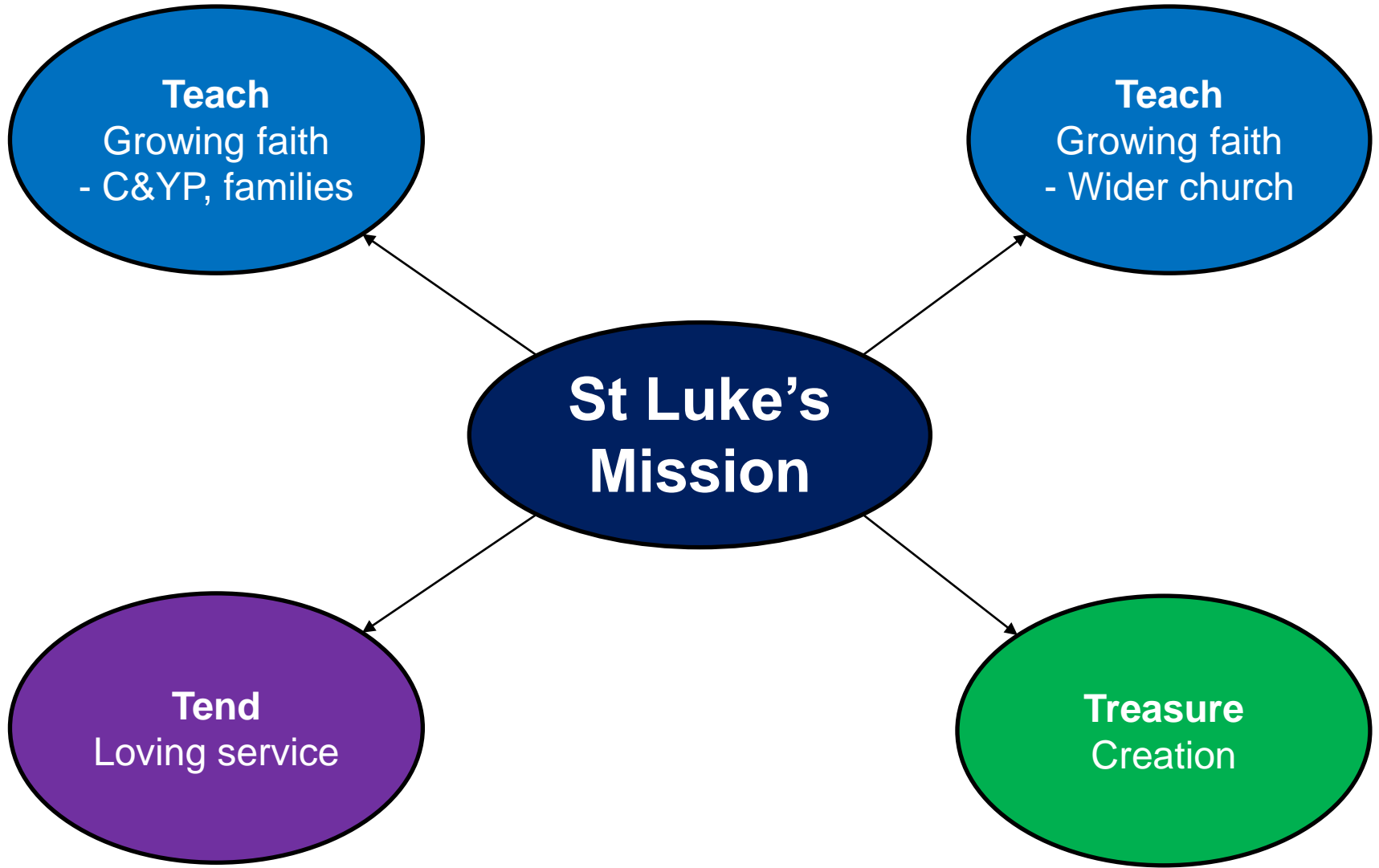
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Covid & the vacancy have provided us with both challenges & opportunities which have affected us as Church.

- Livestreaming has expanded the reach of our Sunday services
 - Little Fishes closed & has not reopened
- Our partnership with the Co-op started & has changed at various points throughout the pandemic
 - Zoom has enabled us to meet regularly in prayer 3 times a week
- Attendance at Life Groups rose in Lockdown, it has fallen since but is now steady with 4 groups meeting
 - The majority of the celebrations for our 150th anniversary events did not happen, a number of the planned events focused on outreach & this will be a key part of our future MAP
 - Our bereavement group stopped after 1 meeting
 - Eco-church tentatively started
 - Veggie Matters started in 2021

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Teach Growing faith - Wider church

**We want to grow faith among our church community.
We will do this in the following ways:**

- Have a robust 'system' for welcoming & supporting newcomers.
- Have a series of social events throughout the year where invitation can be extended to those on the fringe.
- Restart a men's group enabling healthy & supportive relationships based on faith in Jesus to grow.
Identify leaders for this group.
 - Being mindful of the vocation of all, we want to grow leaders.

We will use Bishop Christopher's 'A season of lay ministries' to launch this & hold a 'Church Fair'.

- Explore ways of working alongside someone already in role to encourage participation
Celebrate leadership in its many forms.

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Teach
Growing faith
- C&YP, families

**We believe in nurturing and growing faith in children & young people
We will do this in the following ways:**

- Review our church provision for children, young people & families: through a series of social catch ups with parents, children & young people, through meeting with the C&YP leaders.
- We will identify & support someone in the role of C&YP's champion.
- Look at opportunities for training for our C&YP leaders. Encourage & enable individuals to take up these opportunities.
 - Repeat, a parenting for faith Life Group (and/or teenager)- BRF resources.
- Explore the possibility of employing a person to take forward our ministry with C&YP
Consideration to be given to cost & remit especially around church/community needs.

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Tend Loving service

We want to reach out to the local community with loving service & to share our faith.

We will do this do this in the following ways:

- Listen to our local community
(this will enable us to see what the needs of our parish are & to discern the ways church can contribute).
- Prayer walk the parish.
- Intentionally expand our reach with current acts of loving service i.e. Lunch Matters, Craft Matters & Hearing clinic.
 - Review our Co-op food partnership.
 - Encourage the use of our church space for & by the community.

As we offer loving service to our community so we will seek to respectfully but boldly tell of the good news of Jesus.

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Treasure Creation

**We believe God has given us responsibility to treasure the world
We will do this in the following ways:**

- Be an ECO church...:
In our teaching, worship and lifestyle, with the land & building as a church community, within our parish & globally.
We will use the A Rocha Eco church scheme to help us.
- Identify a team leader & team members to lead this initiative.
- Starting point: an audit of our current status covering the 5 areas.
 - Develop an action plan.
- Involve the whole church congregation with regular updates & by making this a focus for services at least twice a year.

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