



# 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.

**TELL**

**TEACH**

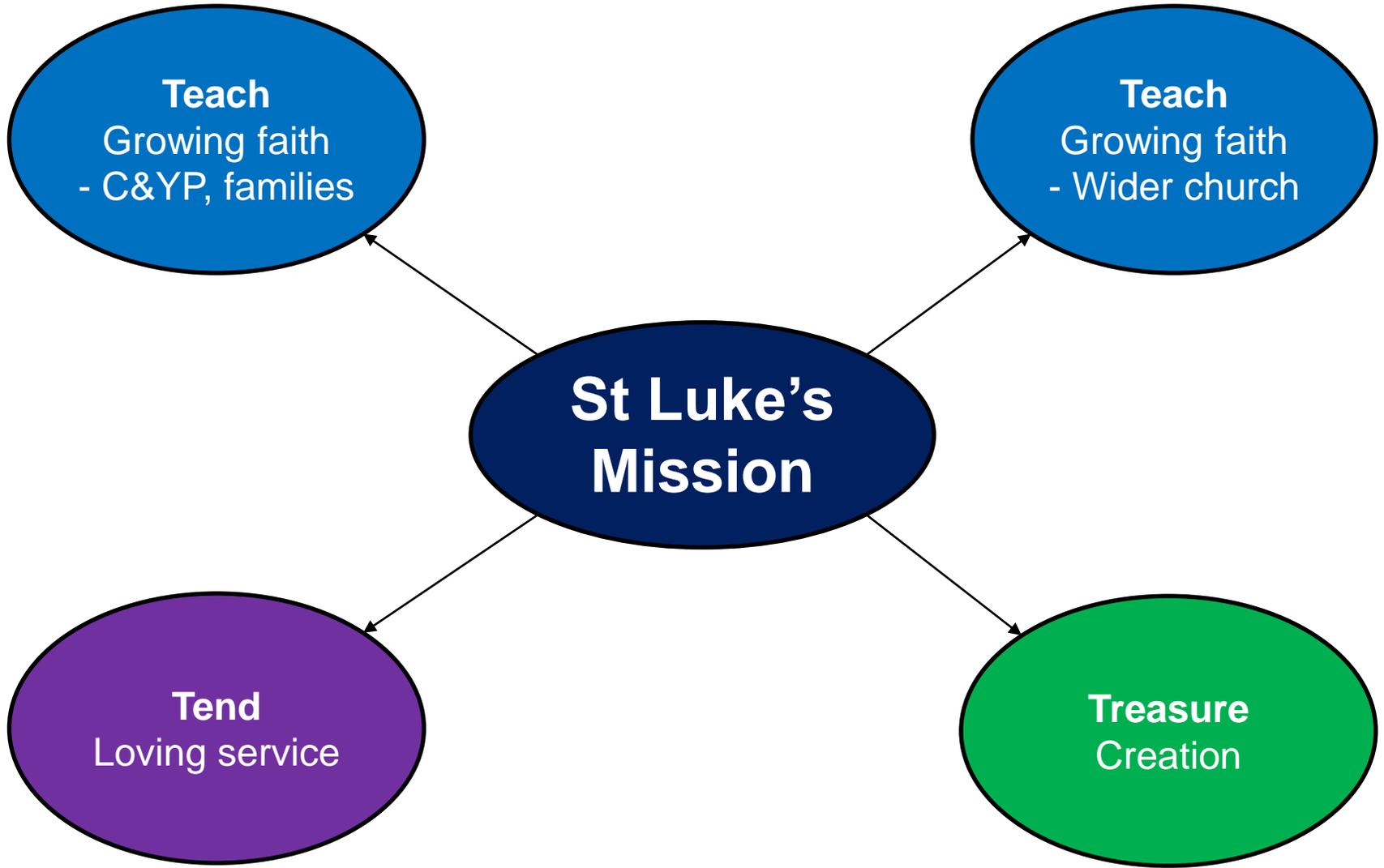
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**Covid & the vacancy have provided us with both challenges & opportunities which have affected us as Church.**

- 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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.