

## **Environment and justice**

What are we aiming to achieve:

- A more environmentally aware and friendly community
- An ability to live out the Beatitudes

How might we do this?

- Attain the Silver Eco Church award

## **Buildings and Grounds**

What are we aiming to achieve?:

- A peaceful and beautiful space for reflection, to meet with God
- A well used building, which is financially secure

How might we do this?

- Intensive work on the churchyard to create a sustainable open reflective space
- Create an external path around the church
- Renew our lighting
- Replace our aging boiler with a heat source one.

## **Fellowship, Outreach and Wider Community**

What are we aiming to achieve?:

- More participation in wider activities
- The church community as a place of healing and wholeness
- A community where new people feel they belong

How might we do this?

- Re-examine our Street Prayer letters and other materials
- Promote good mental health and well being
- Run an all age Arts Project in the school summer holidays.
- Take a part full in Heritage weekend (September)

*These developments build on our existing ministry and seek to further what we already offer - with a re-focus on 'being' good news and growing faith, going back to the basics of prayer and Bible reading*

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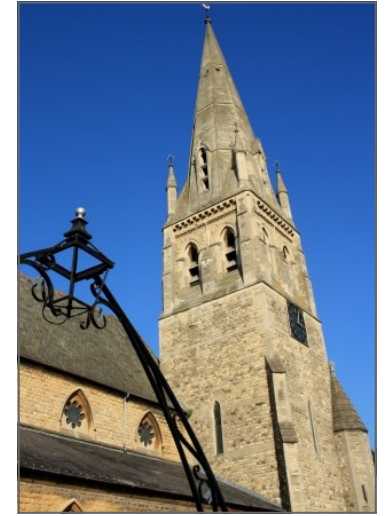
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# **St. Luke's Church Maidenhead**



## **'Life in all its fulness' MISSION ACTION PLAN 2024-27**

### ***Our Vision:***

Our vision is to be an inclusive church which enables all people to live life to the full, bringing Jesus' healing and wholeness to people around us. With the whole Diocese of Oxford we seek to become more Christ-like as we live out his teaching and example.

### ***Our Mission:***

At St Luke's we aim to grow in faith and encourage each other along the way. As Christian people, strengthened and enthused by our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are committed to spreading the light of the Gospel into our community, our nation and our world. We are responding to the vision of the Diocese of Oxford to live out the Beatitudes (Matthew 5. 1-10) by trying to be more compassionate, contemplative and courageous disciples of Jesus.

St. Luke's Church family worships in a beautiful, mid-Victorian building which is near the centre of Maidenhead. In 2017/18 we re-ordered the church to make it more flexible and available for whole community use.

We are an inclusive, broad church community. Our worship is varied in style, ranging from specially devised service around themes, to set liturgies from Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer. Our 10.00 am Holy Communion service each Sunday is at the core of our life. The first Sunday of each month is an All Age Communion service. Our Children and Families Leader supports children's ministry. Messy Church meets monthly on a Friday after school.

Our choir enriches our worship, even while we wait to appoint a new Music leader. We lead a termly International Taize service as part of the Sundays at Six programme, shared with two other churches.

We love welcoming families for Christenings and couples for weddings. We are privileged to support those mourning through our funeral ministry and Keeping Company, a monthly space for the bereaved and lonely.

We seek to serve our parish in many ways, offering a venue for community events, and providing a Baby and Toddler Group and monthly teas for older people. We also promote and host concerts and recitals which attract good audiences.

Many who come find our church a place of comfort, resource and challenge for their lives. We offer a welcome to all who wish to share this journey of faith with us. We have the Bronze Eco Church award and are working on Silver. We aim to become a place of wholeness and healing in our very diverse parish. We have strong links with our Church Primary School.

### ***Our Values:***

#### ***Inclusivity:***

to be a church that welcomes all people and cares for the good of all.

#### ***Creativity:***

to use our God given gifts in creating stimulating and varied worship and learning activities and to celebrate creativity in all its forms.

#### ***Generosity:***

to use our building, time, talents and money for the growth of God's Kingdom and the benefit of other people, and to care for creation.

#### ***Wholeness:***

to seek to deepen our own faith and spirituality through worship, study, prayer and silence; and to encourage others to explore faith in God, and to promote wellbeing for all.

#### ***Hospitality:***

to share fellowship and food as widely as we can, and enable others to meet with God.

### **Our current plans for development**

#### ***Nurturing disciples***

What are we aiming to achieve?:

- Growth in faith and love for God
- Bringing new disciples (of all ages) to faith

How might we do this?

- Establish a more effective welcome ministry (tea, visit, pack)
- Be more intentional in the discipleship of all ages.
- Offer a second Alpha course.
- Offer a wide variety of nurture activities at different times.
- Have Bibles available to give people enquiring.

#### ***Worship for all***

What are we aiming to achieve?:

- Improved worship experience and accessibility for newcomers
- Enabling people to meet with God
- Offering something for different preferred styles

How might we do this?

- Continue to explore a broader pattern of offered worship and service structure, e.g., develop a 'Pram service' mid week, or Sunday afternoon family service.