

Mission Action Plan

At St Luke's West Holloway, we believe in God's love for each and every one of us. We embrace and accept difference.

We are a spiritual community with:

- a Christian foundation
- a holistic outlook
- a liberal heart
- a progressive theology
- a social and environmental conscience
- an eclectic liturgy

We value: inclusiveness, diversity, an open mind, creativity and a thirst for justice – social and environmental.

We are a theologically inclusive, active, and creative church community. Within the traditions of the Church of England we seek to create a welcoming environment where people from the parish and further afield feel accepted and able to explore their faith and doubts.

Our electoral roll is 150; each Sunday morning over 75 people join together to explore the mysteries of faith drawing on ancient traditions of Christianity with insights from the present. The main morning service includes 'communion' (on most Sundays) –everyone is welcomed without exception to share bread (and wine). The covid pandemic saw a decrease in our physically present congregation to around 30 people. However, our broadcast service is typically viewed in 2021 by Over 100 people over the course of the week. Our weekday prayer meeting, held online, has 18 people join on a typical day.

Rev John Mackenzie is our vicar, Rev Lizzie Campbell is our curate and Martin Wroe is our associate vicar. We are a church where people who want to get involved can. Each week people from the congregation lead services, read scripture, preach, write and say prayers, make coffee, run the Sunday Clubs, manage the sound system. We encourage people from St Luke's to roll up their sleeves and do the gardening, organise fundraisers, engage with local groups like London Citizens, volunteer for local projects, campaign on local and national issues... and a load of other things.

Services

Morning Services

Monday- Friday 9.30am Zoom Daily Prayer. Simple Celtic prayers to start the day.

Evening Service

Tuesday at 7.30 Zoom Evening Prayer. Simple Celtic prayers to end the day.

Sunday Morning Services

9.15am Communion Service: short said communion

11am Family Communion Service

This is our main service of the week, with elaborations on an Anglican spine, with activities for children and a DIY crèche.

3rd Sunday of every month, we stay on for church lunch

Sunday Evening Service

2nd Sunday: Evening Prayer, often from Iona

4th Sunday: Iona Service of healing alternating with Iona evening prayer

5th Sunday: Choral Evensong

Priorities in recent years have included:

1/**INCLUSION**: being a place of safety and welcome for people whose home churches weren't so welcoming to them

2/ **HOMELESSNESS**: being part of a network of churches that care for homeless people especially in wintertime

3/ **ENVIRONMENT**: reaching for environmental targets on our fabric long before it became a fashionable decision.

4/ **YOUNG PEOPLE**: working closely with our church school to build a better future for our young people.

5/ **JUSTICE AND PEACE** Extending our social and spiritual mission locally and globally by giving time and money to work for justice and peace for all people, and effectively promoting the ethos of St Luke's.

6/ **OUR BUILDING** Improving the interior of the building to enhance our worship and daily life as a community by funding and completing a package of building projects.

Our priorities 2022:

Over the course of 2022, there will be three priorities for our church community and parish these priorities will be our focus for the next three years

(compact version)

1. Reaching out to those feeling lonely and isolated
2. Running activities which promote good health and wellbeing
3. Extending our work with families and young people
4. Implement a Creation Care Action Plan

(slightly extended version)

1. Reaching out to those feeling lonely and isolated by opening the doors of our church more often, providing opportunities to build lasting friendships and offering focused care for those in distress.
2. Promoting initiatives which support good health and wellbeing and by hosting activities such as yoga and singing.
3. Extending our work with families and young people by running programmes which support carers and babies and youth 11-16.
4. An action plan that ensures that every aspect of our common life is considered through an environmental/sustainability lens

Priority 1: Reaching out to those feeling lonely and isolated

The pandemic has exacerbated feelings of loneliness and isolation amongst all demographics. Poverty and low income have both been found to increase the risk of loneliness and social isolation.

This year, in addition to our regular services, we will open the doors of our church more often, providing opportunities to build lasting friendships and offering focused care for those in distress

Planned Activities: Yoga, parents for the planet, tlc, coffee morning, craft club, gardening club, lent lunches, online prayers, singing, Soul food.

Future Goals: lunch club, film club, supper club, supporting help on your doorstep.

Priority Two: Running activities which promote good health and wellbeing

Islington has the highest rates in London of diagnosed depression and related disorders. The health benefits of exercise and singing benefits are widely recognised.

This year, we will actively support and promote activities in our church which promote health and wellbeing and we will look for new opportunities including exploring Parish Nursing.

Planned Activities: Yoga, singing groups, parents for the planet, TLC, coffee morning, craft club, gardening club, lent lunches, singing, Soul Food

Future Goals: parish nurse, healthy lunch club, walking club

Priority Three: Extending our work with families and young people

Approximately 47% of primary-aged school children in Islington live in poverty which in turn impacts the opportunities that are available to them, both in childhood, and throughout their lives. We will seek to support families and young people.

Planned Activities: parents for the planet, coffee morning, gardening club, youth club

Future Goals: debt counselling, employ a youth worker, parenting groups, homework club, messy church,

Planned activities

Monday	6.30-7.30	Yoga	Vikki	Main hall
	7-9 Fortnightly	Soul Food: Supper club	George	Small Hall
Tuesday	10.30-12	Parents for the planet	Sarah	Small hall
	1-3	TLC	Jean	Everywhere
	7.30-9.30	Vox	Harvey	Main Hall
Wednesday	7.30-9.00	Singing	Angela	Main Hall
Wednesday Monthly	7.00-8.00	Little Fires	Tbc	Small Garden
Thursday	10.30-11.30	Yoga for Wellness	Vikki	Main hall
	11.30-1.30	Coffee and chat	Lizzie/John	Small Hall
	1.30-3.30	Craft club	Meg/Lizzie	Small Hall
Saturday Monthly	11.30	Gardening	Jean	outside
Sunday	6.30-8pm	SLY	Lizzie	Main Hall

Priority four: implement a Creation Care Plan

The Church of England has committed via General Synod to become Carbon neutral by 2030, this has been endorsed by the Diocese of London Synod and by St. Luke's PCC. We need to take urgent steps to achieve this goal - especially focused on our heat, light and power.

Planned activities

Re-energise the St. Luke's green group,

Future goals

appoint a creation care champion,
move from an Eco Church bronze award to a Silver

Cross cutting themes:

- 1) Care for creation
- 2) Championing Creativity

In each of our priorities, care for creation and a desire to both support creativity and be creative in our approaches should be discernible.

Other Involvement in the Community

YCCN – Lizzie is a member of the Young Christian Climate Network. The group aims to help people aged 18-30 to be linked to other young climate activists, and to take part in climate action, including a relay walk from the G7 summit in Cornwall to the COP26 summit in Glasgow between August and November 2021. St Luke's also hosted a social event for YCCN members in December 2021 which was a great success! Lizzie is hoping to bring the London chapter of YCCN together more regularly in 2022.

Finsbury Park Interfaith Groups – Lizzie is a part of the monthly conversations between Muslim and Christian Faith leaders in the local area. These groups foster friendship between leaders of different faith groups and will hopefully lead to opportunities for interfaith community work and events in the future. Lizzie also attends the interfaith women's groups which happen less regularly.

SMMA – John, together with Martin, Julius and Rhian governors at St Mary Magdalene's Academy, a large Church sponsored Primary/Secondary/Sixth form school split over two sites. Rhian is chair of the Trust board, Julius chairs the Community Relations and Student Welfare committee as well as the exclusion committee, John and Martin serve on the Audit and CRSW committee Exclusion Committee.