

## 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 conscience
- an eclectic liturgy

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

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 250; each Sunday morning over 100 people join together to explore the mysteries of faith drawing on ancient traditions of Christianity with insights and from the present. The morning service includes 'communion' -everyone is welcomed without exception to share bread and wine.

Rev Dave Tomlinson vicar 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, 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 engage with local groups like London Citizens, do the gardening, organise fayres and fundraisers, volunteer for the Winter Night-shelter... and a load of other things.

## Services

### Midweek Morning Services

Wed & Thurs 9.30am **Morning Prayer**.  
Simple Celtic prayers to start the day.

### Sunday Morning Services

**9.15 am Holy Communion:** Short and sweet, said Eucharist, no sermon.

### 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 Services

**1st Sunday - Choral Evensong**

**2nd Sunday - Soul Space 7pm** Ambient, chill-out worship, with music and images.

**4th Sunday - Listen to the Silence** based on evening prayer from Iona, this service of quiet draws on Celtic spirituality which finds a holy presence in all of creation.

## **2016: Where are we now**

In 2014 we invited the congregation to share their thoughts on what they valued.

In 2016 the PCC revisited this exercise. The results were remarkably consistent.

### **What we value:**

Above all we value the welcome that is given to everyone who walks through the door. We embrace diversity, celebrate creativity and feel angry about injustice.

### **What we would like to do differently:**

When it comes to what we'd like to be doing differently then there's a lot of things on our minds such as:

- We want to be sure that we are welcoming and take care of people who come to St Luke's. We have a fluid congregation: lots of people come to St Luke's on a regular irregular basis - we want to make sure that they don't slip through the cracks, especially as we don't have weekly home-groups or a big pastoral team.
- We are concerned about young people and young families who are priced out of the housing market.
- We care about our local community. Our vicars are great at looking after them at times for sorrow and joy and once a year we invite back the families of people who have had funerals held at St Luke's. We can't help wondering what more we could for the 12,000 people in our Parish.
- We are pre-occupied with what will happen when Dave retires in 2018 and we are considering how we develop the footprint of St Francis.
- We are good at ideas and sometimes not so good at making things happen. We'd like more resource and we'd like it not always to be the same people doing things.

## **2016-2020: Where are we heading**

The next few years will be interesting and involve change. Our vicar Dave will retire from full time ministry in 2018. Pat, who is married to Dave and is our church administrator will also leave.

We are beginning to explore what this change will mean for St Luke's and the opportunities that it presents.

## 2016: Our short term priorities

The PCC agreed three priorities for the coming year.

1. **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.
2. **Creating a welcome and supportive environment** by providing opportunities to build lasting friendships and offering focused care for those in distress.
3. **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.

### Priority One

**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.

#### Goals:

- To get the crèche space converted into a chapel with crèche
- To convert the vestry into the parish office
- To stop the subsidence in the hall and toilets permanently

### Priority Two

**Creating a welcome and supportive environment** by providing opportunities to build lasting friendships and offering focused care for those in distress.

#### Goals:

- To host a new comers event in November
- To organize two series of Mid-week groups (lent and autumn 2017)
- To try to 2-3 new approaches to managing pastoral care
- To have a functioning Facebook presence

### Priority Three

**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.

#### Goals:

- To implement the charity policy agreed last year by the PCC
- To conduct an Eco-church audit
- To ensure St Luke's supports Christian Aid week
- To give greater visibility to the current activities which St Luke's supports including the Foodbank, Credit unions Lennox House, Nightshelter, Traidcraft, Church lunch and gifts for children whose parents are in prison