

**Baptism
Eucharist
& Ministry**

our vocation as the baptised
& the structures required to support our calling
in the present time & circumstance

St Luke's Prayer

O Living and Life-Giving God,
your blessed witness Luke the Evangelist
has inspired generations of your faithful people
to work for the gospel in this part of our city.
So guide us by your Spirit:
give us a thirst for your truth,
a passion for your justice,
a strength in our witness,
and a firm hope
in the future you open before us;
that we may celebrate with joy
the saving death and resurrection
of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

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MINISTRY

Where are we going?

Sending Prayers

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.** [NZPB p429]

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in the world.** [NZPB p473]

We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice... [APBA p144]

Dismissal

καθὼς ἀπεσταλκεν με ὁ πατὴρ καὶ ἐγὼ πέμπω ὑμᾶς
kathōs apestalken me ho patēr kagō pempō humas
as he has sent me the father, so also I send you (pl)
[John 20:21]

Ite, missa est!

Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
All Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

How We See Ourselves

- Healing place, Non-judgemental
- Acknowledge other religions
- Attitude of toward each other
- Strong personal associations
- Friendliness
- The location and its opportunities
- The liturgy
- The centrality of the Eucharist
- Acknowledgement of the feminine
- Encouraged to participate, and test out ideas
- Longstanding belonging
- The building – peace and sense of spirituality
- A sense of calling [Mission & Ministry Review 2007-8]

How Others See Us

- Support of difference
- Support to the area
- Non-judgemental Heartland for north of the Square
- A liberal church
- Lovely grounds – peaceful presence
- Strength and tenacity Being here
- Speaks of calm in the busy city
- Example for those with prejudice
- Positive spiritual presence in a challenging part of town
- Community that can reach out to others
- Place to be safe
- Community place to meet, of caring, and extending grace

[Mission & Ministry Review 2007-8]

What We Do

- Eucharist – Sunday & midweek
- Labyrinth Meditation
- Icon Writing Group
- Meditation Group
- Theology Café
- Friends of the Little Brothers of Francis
 - Shopping for the elderly
 - Low-cost Counselling
 - Community Coffee

Peterborough Village

from draft response to the Draft City Plan:

“Requests support for capturing the special spiritual and community value of St Luke’s Church.”



Peterborough Village – The Vision

The overarching vision for the Peterborough Village is yet to be distilled, but the current view is that the redevelopment should be guided by the following principles:

- Put people first by creating a community of neighbourhoods where everyone knows each other
- Develop a village centre with shops, offices and places for entertainment
- Create beautiful community spaces and shared facilities
- Reconfigure the transport network that makes it easy for people to bike and walk
- Set design principles that ensure new buildings are attractive and help to create pleasant public spaces
- Ensure that proposed developments are appropriate through review by a community elected board

St Luke’s Spirituality & Healing Centre

PROPOSAL for Discussion

- Establish a ‘St Luke’s Spirituality & Healing Centre’ as an organisational and functional entity

‘The Sanctuary’ (?)

BACKGROUND

- In 2010 Vestry adopted the trial title “St Luke’s Spirituality & Healing Centre” for the old vicarage, as one way of expressing the current and potential future purpose and intent of the parish’s ministry to be based in that building
- The concept of a ‘Centre’ began with a physical structure, but since 22 February this year the building has been unavailable to the parish
- We are presently discovering how the parish’s ministry exists without any buildings of our own
- We do not know with certainty at this stage what is the future of the church land and the Centre
- The bishop has challenged the parish to use the present circumstances as an opportunity to look again at the parish’s ministry in its context
- Thus, a ‘Centre’ might be an expression of the parish’s ministry, independent (at this stage anyway) of identifiable physical structure/s

WHY?

- This would represent an organic development of St Luke’s spiritual tradition
- It would build on the existing liturgical tradition, and contemplative practices of meditation and icon groups, the labyrinth, and the Friends of the Little Brothers of Francis
- To support and foster spiritual *praxis*, experiential spirituality, rather than an rational-intellectual-legal approach to Christian faith and spirituality
- The deep riches of the spiritual traditions offer wisdom that speaks to the challenges we face in the present

For WHOM

- Searchers after spiritual truth, seekers open to spiritual riches
- For those engaged in various parts of the churches who are looking for spiritual nurture and development
- For those on the edge of the church who are looking for a spirituality sufficiently open to the Spirit
- For those looking for a Way, for spiritual *praxis*, rather than information or ‘membership’

WHAT activities might the Centre facilitate?

- Quiet days
- Retreats
- Spiritual direction
- Teaching in contemplative prayer practices: meditation, centring prayer
- Seminars on the mystics of the Christian tradition: history, praxis, theology, missiology
- Seminars on contemporary developments in spirituality
- Liturgy: Contemplative Eucharist; Contemplative Prayer Around the Cross; Labyrinth
- Music, Art & Spirituality

WHERE might these be offered?

- Various venues according to requirements
- Including the Mary Potter Community Centre, the Knox Centre, and various church facilities

WHEN might these be offered?

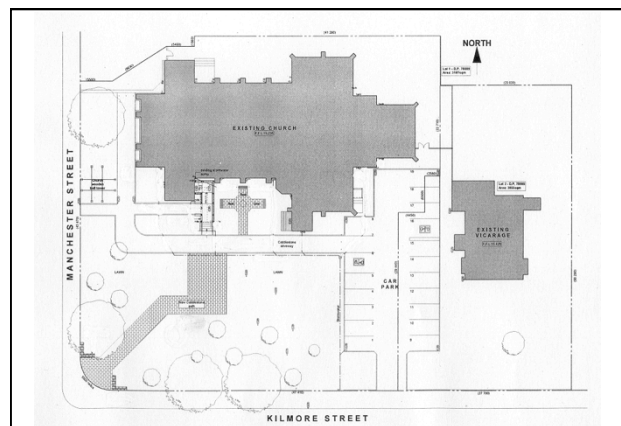
- Evening, day & half-day programmes
- Weekly / annual programmes

HOW might such a Centre be overseen?

- St Luke’s Parish priest & associates
- Churchwarden
- Vestry delegate/s
- In possible partnership with Sr Eveleen House, Rosary House, CSN
- Other possible co-optees with interest & skills/experience

Possible Physical Elements

- Church Building
- Meeting & Seminar space
- Hospitality space
- Labyrinth
- Prayer/Memorial Garden
- Café
- Rentable space
- Parking
- ???



Physical Form

It is only out of sacred reality that sacred building can grow. What begets sacred works is not the life of the world but the life of faith - the faith, however, of our time. The substance of all church building is the living Church. The "structure" is her "visibleness", so much so that the building itself, taken together with all its contents as a living unity, is the revealed form, the revealed structure of the Church.

Modern church architecture began with a rediscovery of essentials. For the celebration of the Lord's supper a moderately large, well-proportioned room is needed, in its centre a table and on the table a bowl of bread and a cup of wine. That is all. Table, space and walls make up the simplest church... We cannot continue on from where the last cathedrals left off. Instead we must enter into the simple things at the source of the Christian life. We must begin anew and our new beginning must be genuine.

[Rudolf Schwartz, in Peter Hammond, *Towards Church Architecture*, London: The Architectural Press, 1962, p22,24]

Discussion

- How will our Eucharistic sacrifice best be manifest among those whom we serve... now?
- What possible partnerships might now be appropriate?
- What are your particular hopes now?