

ST MARY MAGDALENE WITH SALE WEST COMMUNITY CHURCH

IDENTITY, MISSION, VALUES AND VISION

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Identity – Who are we?

Mission – What are we here for? / Why do we exist?

Values – Why we do what we do

Vision – How are we achieving our mission?

These questions shape who we are, why we exist & act as we do, as well as how we go about things.

Our mission is to be a growing church that seeks to fulfil the Great Commandment to love one another and the Great Commission to make disciples.

Identity

We are a Resource Church both locally and regionally. As we grow we want to be a blessing to others for the sake of the kingdom of God



Mission

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Values

The core things that shape us as a church – the seeds that are planted deep within us from which our actions grow

Our values for children and youth is to enable them to love, worship, go and grow.



We are part of a loving church family where children, young people and leaders show genuine honour, love and compassion for all.



We want to equip and encourage an army of children and young people who desire to actively increase God's Kingdom.



We want to see our children and young people engaging creatively and passionately in wholehearted worship.



We want to create a place where children and young people feel safe to grow in faith, understanding and confidence

Vision

An “Ark”

(Place of both refuge and renewal) – Life renewers

Visiting the sick & bereaved, communion to the housebound, marriage preparation, parenting courses, listening, prayer ministry & counselling. St Mary’s wants to be a safe haven where people find peace, restoration and strength for their inner world through pastoral care and prayer.

For our church in organising the pastoral care - so all ages and stages may find it a place of refuge and safety, peace, wholeness and find strength and support through friendship and prayer

To encourage a deepening spirituality as our strength for life & ministry

Missional Congregations

Engaged worshippers

Each of our existing congregations has an intentional mission with a worship style that is appropriate to that mission. We seek opportunities to extend our boundaries further through congregational or church planting.

To want to continue to shape the worship of the church in a way that offers variety and diversity to believers and seekers alike.

Outreach

Kingdom growers

Varied outreach at St Marys: the Alpha/Post-Alpha courses, Y course, Start course, Prayer Visiting and Mission Teams (supporting mission both in the UK & abroad).

St Mary’s wants to increasingly proclaim and demonstrate God’s Kingdom in ways that allow people to ‘taste and see that the Lord is good’, giving regular opportunities to be involved in mission & outreach and opportunities for people to come to faith

Community Facility

Positive partners

St Mary’s is already used almost to capacity in a neighbourhood that lacks communal facilities. We want to develop facilities that resource the ministry of the church & serve Sale by providing flexible meeting spaces to various user groups.

Training Centre

Disciple equippers

A place where people can discover, use and develop their God-given gifts; forming disciples through training and hands-on practice. To be a training centre and resource for local churches

To continue development of parish training e.g. preaching, leading services, intercessions, mentoring, pastoral care, mission, evangelism, discipleship etc.

Children & Youth

Future investors

Investing heavily in children and young people as part of the church now, as well as developing the church of tomorrow.

Raising up & equipping willing & gifted leaders across all areas of children and youth work.

