

Parish of St Breoke & Egloshayle Wadebridge 2023- 2025 Plan

Areas of the plan which have progressed in 2022 are highlighted.

TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS



We have received the story of Jesus through the scriptures and the tradition of the church. We have witnessed that story lived out in the followers of Jesus. As we have received this story we in turn are invited to share the story through our words and actions helping people to understand its meaning for today. It is a story for everyone. It is a story that can transform our lives and community.

Aims 2023 - 2025

1. Living the Story

Jesus has shown us the importance of serving people in His story. In 2022 Egloshayle continued to host several 'social events' which were well supported and raised money for Church funds. In the 2021 community survey the issue of loneliness was highlighted. The events continue to provide a safe space for social interaction.

(i) Aim: To continue to plan these events through the year to demonstrate God's inclusive love.

We will:

- 1 Create safe space for social interaction.**
- 2. Address loneliness and reach people beyond our worshipping community**
- 3. Raise money for Parish Funds**
- 4. Continue to offer the space in Egloshayle Church for groups within our community to hire and use for events and activities.** In 2022 the church was used for a range of community events, exhibitions, and concerts. It is to be noted that the re-ordering of Egloshayle will widen the appeal of the church for use by community groups.
- 5. Create displays in our churches which speak of our church life and tell the story of Jesus**

To achieve this, we will:

- 1. Organise and develop events at Egloshayle**
 - 2. Plan for 6 events per year led by the church community**
 - 3. At these events contact 6 individuals outside our regular worshipping community.**
- Attendance in 2022 ranged from 20-30 at Coffee and Chat to 150+ at Craft Fayres.**
- 4. Publicise that the church can be hired for use by community groups.**
 - 5. Produce displays and provide appropriate material in our churches and online which reflect our aim to live out the story and share that story.**

In 2022 the Church continued to make available on our Wadebridge Parish Facebook and to email subscribers weekly information about Parish life.

Who will be involved?

Event planning team supported the church family.
PCC to consider setting up an engagement team.

When does this happen?

The church events are planned at the beginning of the year. Typically the events are ; Easter Craft Fayre, Rogation Tide Walk, August Craft Fayre, August Cream Teas, Harvest Events, Christmas Craft Fayre, Coffee and Chat (monthly)

The 2021 congregational survey highlighted that people already serve projects and/or charities both locally and nationally. Fellow members of the church family are often unaware of what they do.

Aim: To invite members of the church to tell the story of their community involvement to inform every one of the needs of the wider community.

To celebrate the contributions of all who serve our community

We will:

1 Encourage members to share their experience of their work in the community.

2. Explore in partnership with other agencies an event which highlights the work of volunteers and celebrates their contribution.

To achieve this, we will

1. Highlight different local, national and international voluntary work in our worship services.

2. Create a curated community focus notice board in church giving details of local voluntary groups.

3. Explore how the church can celebrate all who serve the community.

Who will be involved?

Members of the congregation

When does this happen?

A date for a church based community celebration to be arranged.

To include an opportunity to learn about church members community involvement at Café Church.

Egloshayle Church is central to our vision to use the building **to tell the story of Jesus**. We need to make it a warm and welcoming building for worship and community activities. Its 'lighting up' at Christmas along with the response to current events has been noted by the community and generated positive reaction towards the church.

(ii) Aim: To plan for and begin the re-ordering of Egloshayle Church

The planning process is underway and presently the projected start date is April 2024. A project plan has been drafted. In early summer 2023 information about the re-ordering to be made available to the church and wider community.

In autumn 2023 alternative worship arrangements to be put in place for Egloshayle during its temporary closure.

2. Understanding and sharing the Story

We tell and celebrate the story of Jesus in our worship. We seek to continue ensuring that our present pattern of worship helps all people encounter the story of Jesus and live it. **In 2022 Café Church - an informal service was introduced which has been well received. Also, in 2022 the Open the Book Assembly team resumed visits to both Primary schools. Monthly Communion Service also resumed at St Breock Care Home.** A short video service which contains extracts from our regular Sunday worship in the Parish are made available to email subscribers and on Facebook.

(i) Aim: To review our worship and help all people to hear the story of Jesus in a relevant way,

We will:

- 1. Enable all to experience different styles and content of worship***
- 2. Resource people to live their faith Mon to Sat***
- 3. Find new ways to help people explore their spirituality***

To achieve this, we will:

*Review our worship and make recommendations to the PCC,
Including reviewing our present pattern of worship.
Planning for a new non eucharistic worship service.
Listening to our congregations' experience of worship.
Considering other times and venues for worship*

Who will be involved?

To set up a worship review team

Involving members of congregation.

As we grow in our discipleship, we deepen our understanding of **the story of Jesus** and help others to explore it. We do this through meeting in small groups to read God's word, chat and discuss, sharing meals and experiences as we learn together. **During 2022 a bible study group has been re- established.**

(ii) Aim: To continue to develop groups and activities by which people can explore the story of Jesus and grow as his disciples.

We will:

1 Create a welcoming and inclusive space to reflect on and deepen our understanding of the story of Jesus.

2. Give opportunity for learning and growth through listening to one another.

To achieve this, we will explore materials and experiences to extend our existing provision.

Who will be involved?

Clergy and readers and the hosts of the study groups

We have identified the need to connect with young families and **share the story of Jesus** with the missing generations. Inspired by the shape of our Christmas events during Covid in 2022 we have continued to find that activities based around festivals attract the interest of families and create an opportunity to build meaningful relationships.

(iii) Aim: To continue to develop our celebration of the festivals as a way for young families to connect and engage with the story of faith.

We will:

1 Create engaging events around the festivals through which we tell the story of Jesus.

2. Plan events / activities which can follow on from the festivals to provide further opportunities to explore the story of Jesus

To achieve this, we will:

Connect with at least 5 families outside our worshipping community at each event.

Who will be involved?

Clergy, Readers, Event Planning Team, and wider congregation

When does this happen?

Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Harvest and Baptisms

The Grace Project is now developing well and is one way in which we tell the story of Jesus by offering practical help to young families.

In 2022 the Grace Project - Children's Clothing Bank is becoming a known established source of support for young families in Wadebridge and the surrounding area based in Egloshayle Church. It now has a track record of supplying bundles of children's clothes to families who pick them up in church or at an agency with whom we are partnering. Families continue to offer donations of preloved children's clothes

(i) Aim: Produce a development plan for the project.

This will cover: -

(i) Plan for financial stability

(ii) Establish links to increase provision across the deanery.

(iii) Explore long term storage solution.

(iv) Engage the families it serves with the story of Jesus.

Who will be involved?

Grace Project Team

Telling the story of Jesus through baptism. Through baptism we have contact with young families in our community. In 2022 we distributed Mothering Sunday gifts to baptism families which were well received. It is to be noted that 2022 saw a high number of baptisms following the lockdown. From December 2022 invites to our festival events have been sent to baptism families. In 2022 two baptisms took place during a Egloshayle Morning Service. These services were specifically designed to explain and celebrate baptism for those who did not attend church regularly which were well received.

(v) Aim: Review and implement a Parish baptism policy

We will:

1 Build a relationship of trust and support between the church and the families of those baptised enabling them to hear the story of Jesus.

To achieve this, we will:

- 1. Create a positive welcome to baptism families**
- 2, Provide ways to introduce them to faith and worship**
- 3. Maintain links with baptismal families.**

Who will be involved?

The PCC to agree baptism policy.

To set up a baptism review group to develop and implement the policy.

3. Connecting the Story from past to future generations

The Church buildings and their churchyards provide a rich resource **to tell the story of Jesus.**

The community come into our churches for the occasional services of baptisms, weddings, and funerals. We have a duty to maintain our buildings and the churchyards in which they are set. The 2021 quinquennials have highlighted the need to have an ongoing maintenance plan and fundraising strategy to take account of green and environmental guidance to cut carbon emissions and care for creation. **In Sept 2022 we held a stewardship Sunday to make the parish aware of our ongoing financial needs and commitments.**

(i) Aim: To continue to develop a maintenance and fund-raising strategy.

We will:

- 1) Identify and cost all building work required on our churches highlighted in the 2021 quinquennial report*
- 2) Produce a yearly budget for the maintenance work and MMF contributions.*

Who will be involved?

The PCC Finance Committee to review and make recommendations

Our church buildings tell the story of faith down the generations.

(ii) Aim: To put in place a strategic plan for the sustainable use of our buildings.

We will:

- 1. Decide on how we use our buildings sustainably for worship and events.*
- 2. To consider as a priority the future use of St Conan's Church*

Who will be involved?

A group set up by the PCC to review and make recommendations.

(iii) Aim: To revise and update leaflets that tell the story of our churches in print and on social media. Consider additional ways to share information about our churches.

We will:

- 1. Produce material, printed and online to engage visitors with the story of faith and community found in our churches.*

In 2022 an updated leaflet on the history of Egloshayle Church has been reprinted.

An information booklet about St Breoke Church was produced by a couple whose marriage took place there. This is now in use.

The St Breoke Churchyard Project has opened this ancient pilgrimage and sacred space, creating a space for contemplation and reflection. The major tree work has now been completed.

An open day took place in May 2022 when people were invited to visit the churchyard to see the many improvements. A churchyard trail leaflet was produced and a display of the work which is now permanently in church.

Another open day is planned in 2023.

Two members of the local community have joined the Churchyard Project Team.

(iv) Aim: To continue to establish a 'Friends of St Breoke Churchyard' involving schools and members of the wider community.

We will:

- 1 Engage the wider community's interest in what the churchyard has to offer and to invite support for its ongoing maintenance and improvement.*
- 2. Explore with St Breock school using the churchyard as resource for the curriculum.*
- 3. Look for funding for specific projects in the churchyard.*

Who will be involved?

St Breoke Churchyard Project Group

(v) Aim: To hold another celebratory event in the churchyard to acknowledge what has been achieved.

1. To provide an event to introduce people to the potential of the Churchyard.

Who will be involved?

St Breoke Churchyard Project Group

Wider Context of our Parish Plan

Diocese of Truro has adopted The Saints Way Vision

Details of Diocese of Truro Website

Find below the Saints Way Priorities and how they connect with our Plan.

Celebrates children and young people at its heart.

We seek to use the festivals as a first step in sharing the story of Jesus to children and young people. The Grace Project serves children and families.

A Church that unashamedly embraces an innovative pioneering culture

We have begun to experiment with different styles of worship - i.e Café Church.

We are continuing to develop St Breoke Churchyard as a pilgrim space for people to experience God in creation.

We light up Egloshayle Church windows at Christmas and other times as a sign of hope and a beacon for our community.

Since Covid we have begun to explore outdoor worship e.g Carols in the Churchyard.

A Church that is increasingly confident in its calling

Our Parish Plan speaks of our calling to be intentional in our purpose as church to tell the story of Jesus.

Through preaching / teaching / discussion that takes place in our service and study groups. Supporting and encouraging faith.

A Church that rejoices in strong, warm and mutually encouraging international links

We are beginning to put together a programme of speakers who will extend our connection with the wider world.

The weekly online and printed newsletter is used to promote support and prayer for mission overseas encouraging people to give to humanitarian efforts around the world.

A Church that rejoices in the generosity of God

The Grace project provides an opportunity for congregation and community to share with those in need.

The Project is supported by a team of helpers who give their time freely.

We support our local foodbank and regularly collect for local and international charities

Through our congregation who give their time to support both church and community activities.

Bodmin & Trigg Minor – Deanery Plan

We are looking to connect to the emerging deanery plan by exploring how the work of the Grace Project can become a deanery resource.

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This plan can only be enabled and undergirded by the prayer of God's people.

The Parish Plan is reviewed and amended before being adopted each year at the APCM.

It is recognised that this plan cannot cover every aspect of our church life together. Extra items may be added each year as we seek to listen to our community.