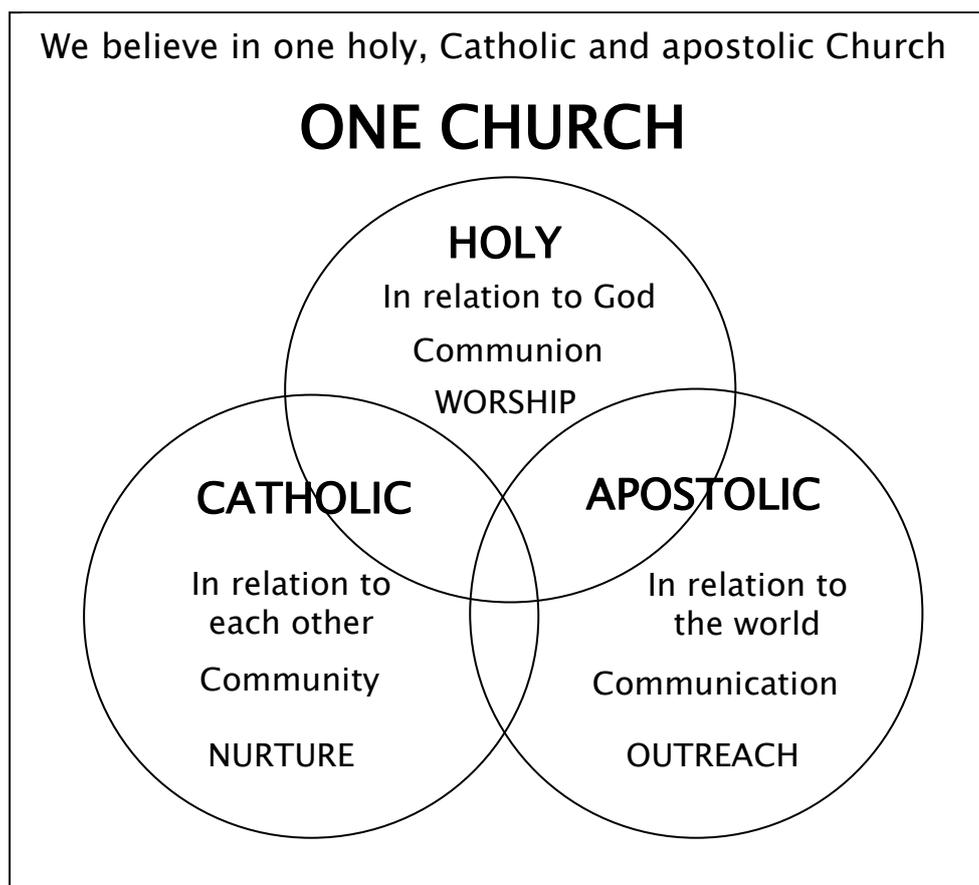




MISSION STATEMENT

Mission statement:

St Matthew's, Westminster is a church in the Catholic tradition of the Church of England where everyone is welcome whatever their background. The church seeks to develop an understanding of community in the heart of the city through our threefold ministry of prayer, hospitality and dialogue. The daily rhythm of Eucharist, Morning and Evening Prayer is at the heart of our common life.



MISSION ACTION PLAN 2013

The Mission Action Plan (MAP) articulates the direction of St Matthew's, recognising an achievable and realistic way forward for the church needs to play to our strengths and reflect the kind of church we are. Once a year, the PCC reviews the Mission Action Plan and the progress made.

The nature of the St Matthew's community

- We are a diverse church family
- Our emphasis is on prayer, hospitality and dialogue
- We have a strong liturgical role, both within St Matthew's and the wider church
- We provide a central place of meeting

Where do we want to be in 5 years?

We want to be a church which

- Has significant representation of the people from the parish including families and children
- Engages seriously with the working population, bringing together the many and varied organisations in our community
- Enables everyone to flourish, bringing their talents and faith to church life
- Encourages day to day responsibilities to be supported by a wide number of people
- Has a serious commitment to lay ministry
- Has a secure financial base to enable growth

To be this church

- We will increase emphasis on social justice translating into inclusive Christian action
- We will have an increased outward focus – sharing what we have with:
 1. Those in the congregations who are on the periphery
 2. Children, families and St Matthew's School
 3. The local resident and working communities
 4. The wider church
- We will seek to be flexible in meeting the changing needs of the Church, with particular reference to the Capital Vision 2020 of the Diocese of London

Sustaining and deepening our spiritual lives

To make this Mission Action Plan achievable it is important that we focus on the Church as Holy, Catholic and Apostolic – in relationship to God, each other and the world.

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