

Three aspiring churches in lovely Swaledale are seeking an answer to their prayer...



St Edmund,
Marske



St Mary,
Richmond with Hudswell



St Michael and All Angels,
Downholme



Fellowship, family and
friendship

The way we all journey
together

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4. We also talked about our aims for 2019 and beyond.



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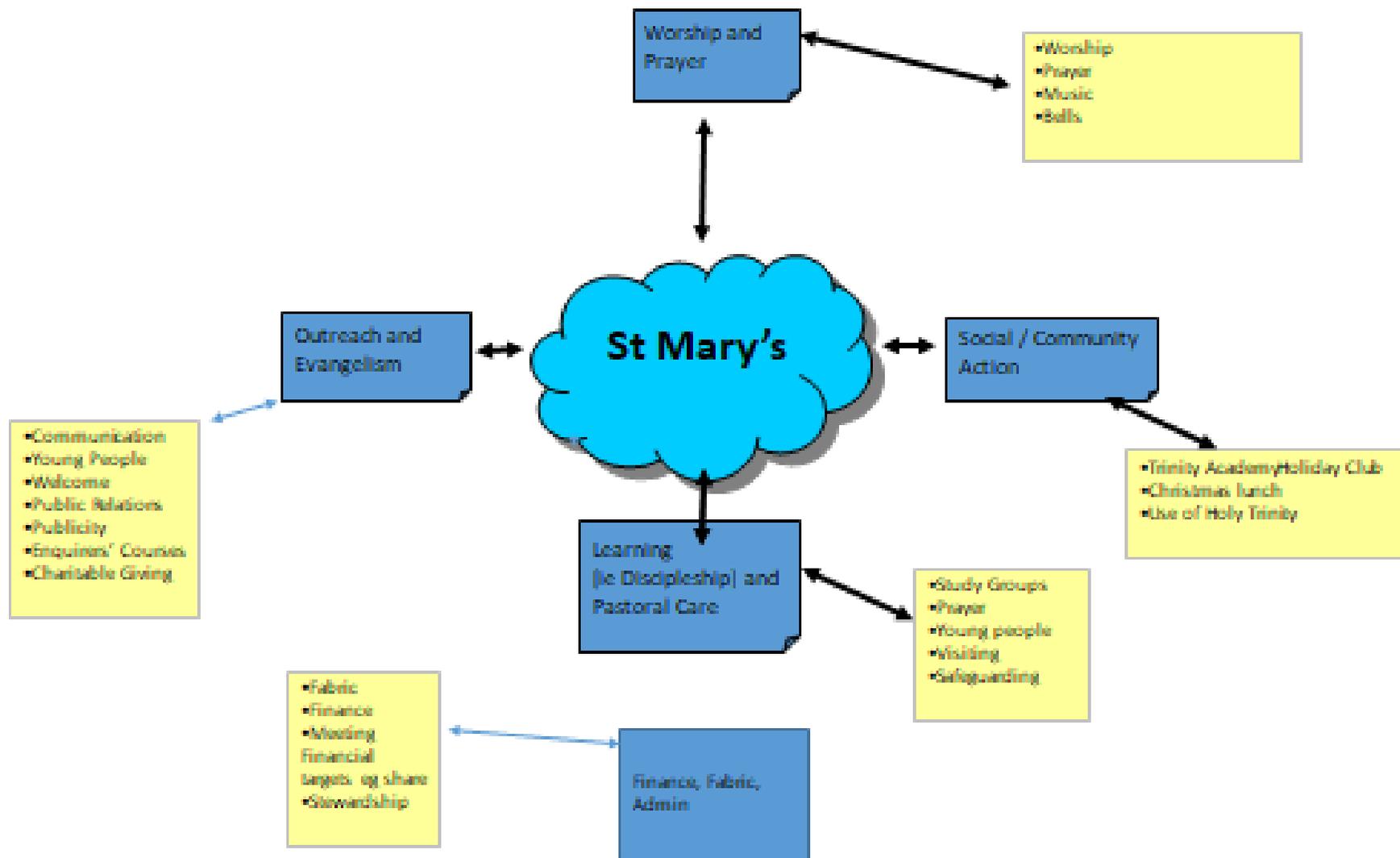
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“Don’t build bigger than the
prayer foundations”



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Our Purpose of Worship and Prayer

- Review our service pattern and aim to have a better integration between our various congregations.



Outreach and Evangelism

- Use Holy Trinity more (for a range of services/events/activities)
- Reach out to young people, using a range of services
- Promote to the wider community the church as a meeting place



Outreach – Community service

- Use Holy Trinity for social welfare initiatives and investigate our use of the curtilage
- Build links with active local agencies
- Give St Mary's a presence at the Christmas Market
- Look at providing a Christmas Day dinner in town



Growth – Discipleship and Pastoral Care

- More study groups (consider timings/group size/venue/topic)
- Prayer ministry
- Provision/support for young families
- Safeguarding
- Listening courses
- St Mary's presence in residential homes
- Welcome events for newcomers



Infrastructure – Finance, Fabric, Administration

- Structures/systems required
- Finance: stewardship/fund-raising/management are separate activities and each need resourcing
- Fabric: maintenance/fitness for purpose(eg re-ordering)
- Administration: review and resource the whole process



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What are we missing?

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What should our priorities lie
and what should we focus on
first?



How do we go about it?

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What can we all do
to play our part?

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