



Restoration Project

Our vision

To become a church with visible connection and meaning to those who live, work or study in this community: one that is open throughout the week for everyone, whether you express a faith or not.

The story so far.....

- 2012 PCCs of St Luke and St Peter agreed to the unify parishes. Following this joint PCCs considered several options for the redevelopment of the churches.
- 2013 Feasibility study for the redevelopment.
- 2014 Overview of a draft feasibility report was presented to the congregation and subsequently the PCCs agreed to move the congregation to St Luke's church. St Peter's site was leased (then sold) to another church.
- 2015 Mission Development Group (MDG) established to reimagine and redevelop St Luke's.
- 2017 Start development of long term plans and discussion with DAC and Victorian Society. Worked with local Architect to draw up plans of site.
- 2018 Apply for local planning permission for large scale project including new hall and flats.
- 2019 Works to gutters and windows to keep building watertight. Removal of pews and creation of co-worker space.
- 2021 High level works to the building including the roof undertaken.
- 2022 Re-assess long term plans and look at medium term improvements. Next steps café and welcoming entrance.

Creation of a co-worker space—The Host

“As part of a fully remote team, The Host Space is a great place for me to work when I need to see some friendly faces and get a bit of community. The guys there are always super welcoming and supportive, and the atmosphere is well curated to be conducive to getting hard work done without feeling stuffy. It's a great spot to rub shoulders with other creative professionals.” Host User



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What's next?

St Luke's PCC have a vision to see the next phase of the building work move forward. Since 2020 we have been revisiting our vision for the building. The next steps are to continue the restoration, install a café and a welcoming entrance.

The next phase

External work

We hope to look at landscaping the external areas to create a positive welcome and install architecture that draws people into our building and tells a story of the space. We are also working to finish the external restoration work which involves re-pointing, gutter and window repairs.

Internal work

We are currently working to redecorate the interior, install new heating and lighting/AV equipment, restore the organ and consider a long term plan for the flooring. We are going to pilot a café with temporary solutions for this to see what works best in the space. We will also look at either adapting the existing entrance to make it more light and welcoming or to create a new entrance on the west side of the building.

We want to:

Remove our building from the At Risk Register.

Create a place of calm and peace in a busy city.

Create a community facility that welcomes all.

Provide a venue for small scale creative arts and music events.

Provide a co-work space and a café.

Engage people with heritage that might not be aware of the building.

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