

Bolton 2030

The Church's response

The Bolton 2030 Vision Partnership is bringing together churches with the Council, local business, the emergency services and many other agencies to build a town where people have better opportunities to **start well, live well and age well** together.

For over a year now, churches have been engaging with the Bolton 2030 Vision Partnership which is connecting all parts of our community together. Why? Because it's clear that the silo mentality, being a cog on your own not only fails to fulfill our potential but actually has a negative effect.

And if we want our children to have a better future than us in Bolton, we have to do better, like cogs being brought together, to create a gear change of impact in social, cultural and spiritual transformation of our town.

As churches across Bolton engage with the Bolton 2030 Vision Partnership, we're realising there's a need to lower our denominational and cultural fences so we can see each other, get to know each other and even shake hands a bit. Follow [passion_Bolton](#) on Twitter for news and dates for conferences.

Our mission beyond Bolton

For many years we have supported Tearfund which works in some of the poorest parts of the world. We have also supported the Barnabus Fund which reaches out with hope and aid to persecuted Christians. We strive to make global connections with the Seven Saints Team to build stronger links and relationships in God's world-wide mission.

Sign up to a **S.H.A.P.E** session where you can ask questions about God's mission, Your mission and Our Mission.

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Courses below run at different times of the year depending on demand. Contact Seven Saints to find out more.

Alpha and Start! Course

Marriage enrichment Course

Parenting Children and Teenagers Course

Join in praying for Farnworth with the monthly Prayer Warriors Group

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Seven Saints Team

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One Parish – Four Churches

Mission

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A worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of our community.

God's mission at Seven Saints

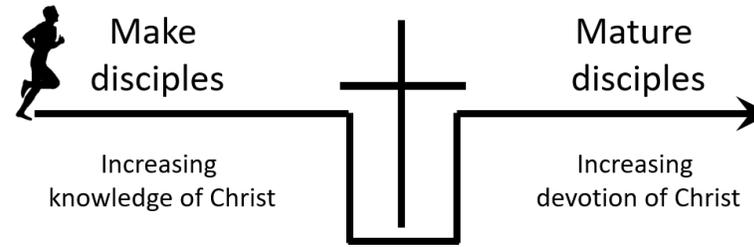
Many in our community ask if *Christianity is boring, irrelevant and untrue*. How can it be when we discover that the local church is the *hope of the world* and God wants us to work for the wellbeing and prosperity of our town and beyond! It is in fact our greatest adventure.



The Bible says that Christians are called to join in with God's mission and the Church of England has **five marks of mission**:

- 1.) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2.) To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3.) To respond to human need by loving service
- 4.) To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5.) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Your mission



We are all growing and at different points along the journey of discipleship. Wherever we are on that journey, Jesus asked his followers to be his *witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*.

So starting at home involves working out our Christian life in our relationships and family life. Going out from home, we learn what it is to be a Christian in our workplaces and our communities. We are also called to have concern for the whole world, learning how to support people and make a difference globally.

That's why church is so important. We can learn and grow as Christians, understanding the Bible better, praying and receiving prayer and sharing with others who are in the same journey. There are three common experiences in following Jesus which we call UP, IN and OUT.

UP –How we encounter and experience God

IN –the inward journey into our hearts and minds that transforms us

OUT –the outward journey where we go out to serve our communities

The Bible says that we are all made differently like the different parts of a body. Part of the Christian adventure is discovering who you are and the plans God has for you to work with him in the world.

Our mission

The Seven Saints Team vision is to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of our community.

We reach out to our community as **one parish** but also as **four churches**, each with its unique and special mission reaching different people in the four corners of our parish.

Children – in addition to family services and junior church, we run Thurs7pm at St Catherine's and Messy Church at St George's reaching nearly two hundred children and adults.

Teenagers – collaborating with other churches in Farnworth, we're supporting the Christian Youth Network to support discipleship of teenagers in our churches and reach out into the High Schools in the area.

World Café –partnering with St Michael's primary school to build inter-faith friendships and work for community cohesion.

Hope for Life –running a foodbank session and caring for people with complex needs in our community.

Ageing Well –running a Senior Citizens group at St Catherine's and developing ministries in care homes and with dementia sufferers.

As we increase our giving, we can increase our social, cultural and spiritual impact in this work.