

At St Matthew's we totally agree with the **Turning To Grace** plan of Bishop Todd that in order for churches to survive today *"the KEY [is] to be willing to go more deeply into the practices of the church, fully open to God's desire for us and for the world, focusing on Jesus and yielding to the life and movement of the Holy Spirit"*. We also support the concept that *"This set of practices can be imagined as a dynamic triangle of three types of activity: catechesis, worship, and stewardship."* With this philosophy in mind, we have developed our 2024 / 2025 Learning Plan.

St Matthew's Annual Learning Plan (2024-25)

an annual program of learning which equips us to fulfill our baptismal vows, as summarized in the Marks of Mission

Marks of Mission

Mark 1 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

Mark 2 To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

Mark 3 To respond to human need by loving service

Mark 4 To seek to transform unjust structures of society

Mark 5 To safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

What we're doing this year	Why we're doing it	When we're doing it
Episcopal Season of Creation liturgical resources https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/	Helps us learn to do Mark 5	Season of Creation (Sep 1 to Oct 4, 2024)
<i>The Faith Club</i> book study https://www.simonandschuster.ca/books/The-Faith-Club/Ranya-Idliby/9780743290487	Helps us learn to do Marks 1 and 4.	Fall 2024, starting Sep 9
Way of Love daily calendar https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2024/09/EN-2024-Advent-Calendar.pdf	Helps us learn to do Marks 1 and 3	Advent and Lent
<i>Witness at the Cross</i> book study https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781791021122	Helps us learn to do Mark 1	Lent 2025

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<i>Being Anglican</i> study curriculum https://www.anglicancommunion.org/theology/theological-education/being-anglican.aspx	Helps us learn to do Mark 2	TBD
<i>Revive</i> Module 1: Communicating with God	Helps us learn to do Mark 2	TBD
<i>Love God, Love God's World</i> creation care study https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/love-god-love-gods-world-curriculum/?mc_cid=416289c223&mc_eid=7d85bb55bc	Helps us learn to do Mark 5	TBD
<i>North of Nowhere: Song of a Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner</i> book study https://houseofanansi.com/products/north-of-nowhere?srsId=AfmBOor6L0dXJrYxnyS0Owcr9DbAwLE6nBQyVX5MQQkP0j9QRC3w6bK0	Helps us learn to do Mark 4	TBD
<i>Beyond the Orange Shirt Story</i> book study https://shop.medicinewheelpublishing.com/products/beyond-the-orange-shirt-story	Helps us learn to do Mark 4	TBD

Reflections on what we have learned this year: