

# The True Vine

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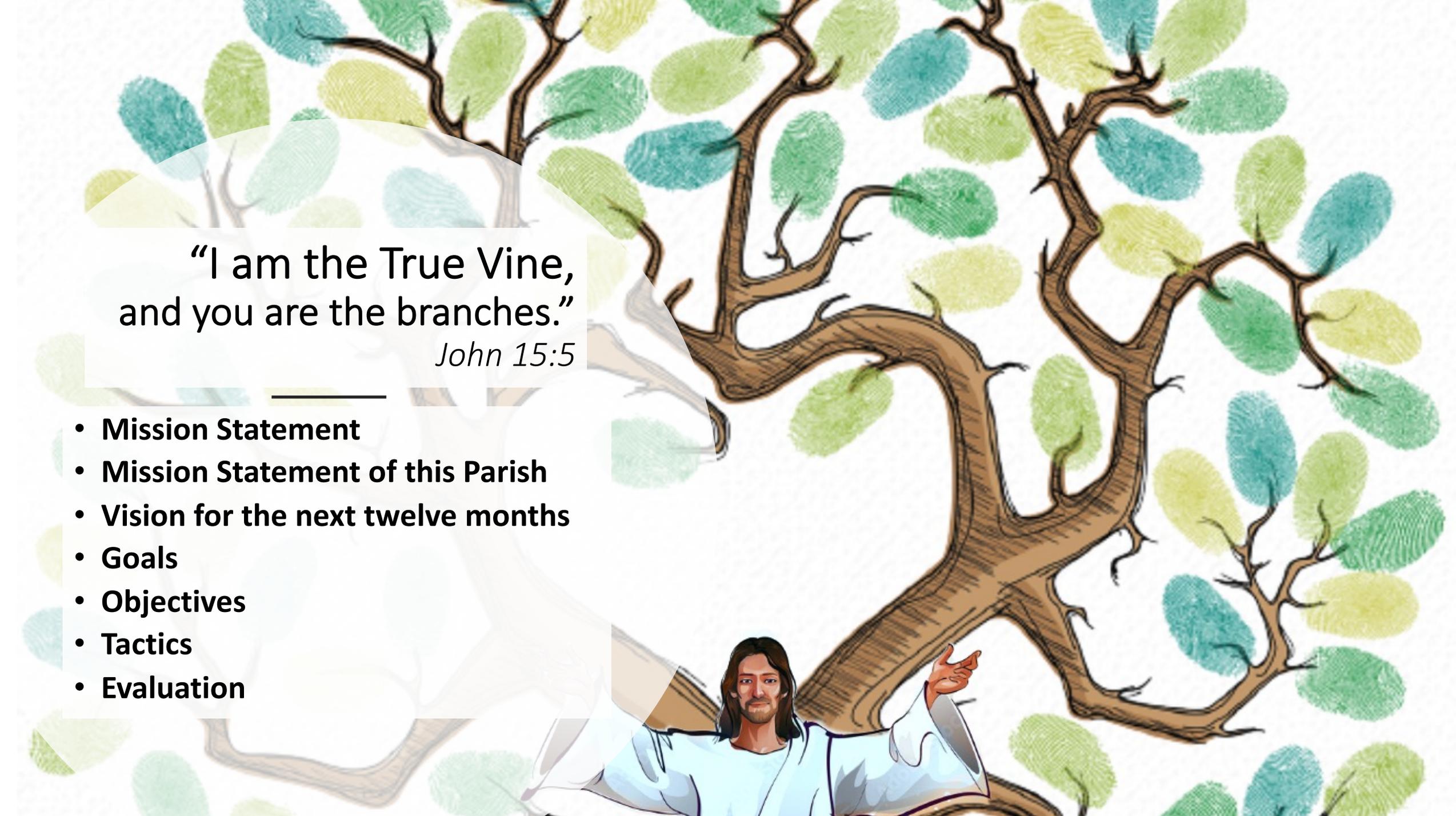
**Mission and Vision**

March 2022

To

February 2023





“I am the True Vine,  
and you are the branches.”

*John 15:5*

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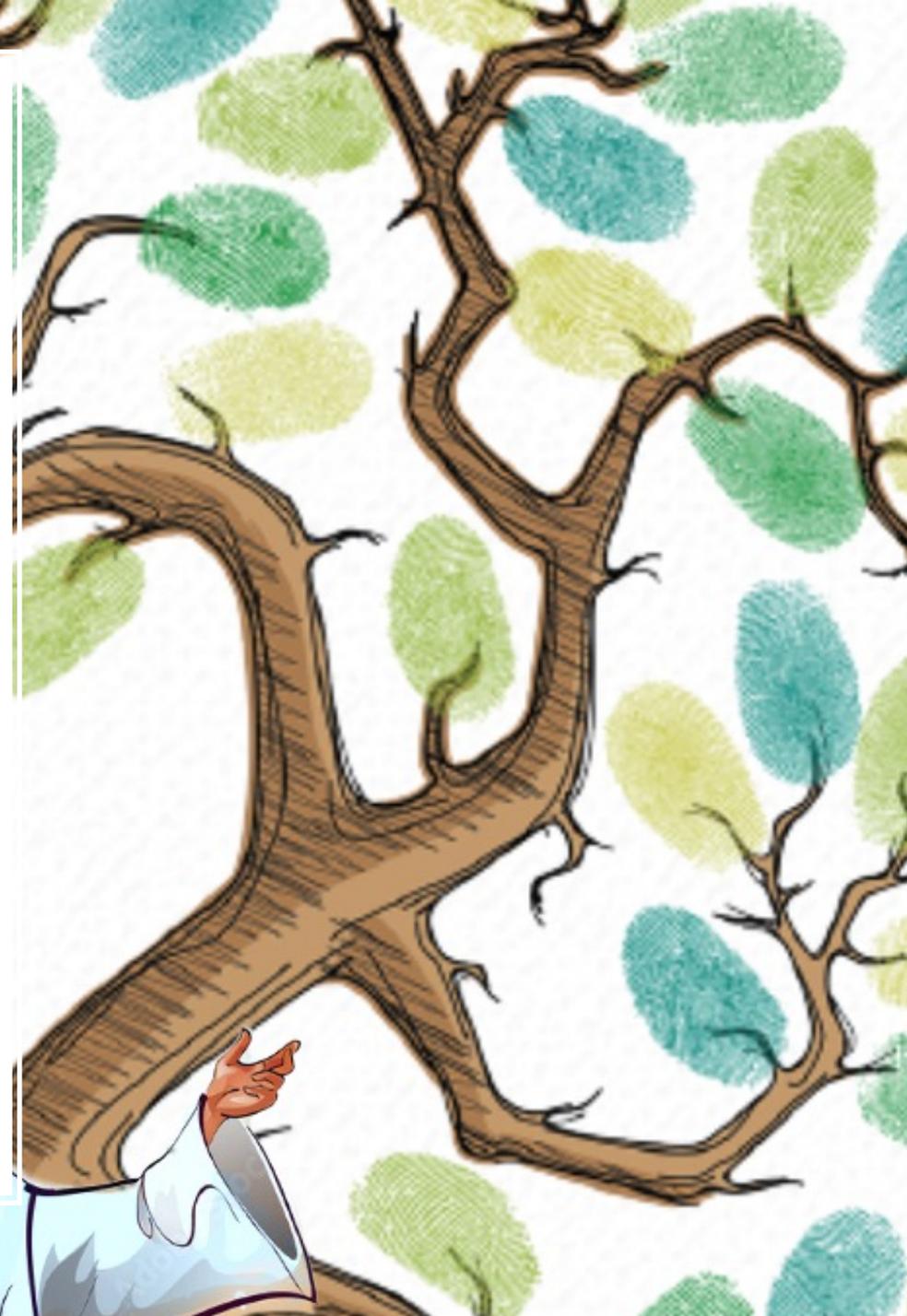
# Mission Statement

## Five Marks of Mission

The Anglican Communion, in which we are a branch, has developed in the past decades five essential elements that helps us to live as true followers of Christ.

The enumeration of the key elements was done through years of prayer, discussion, and learning from one another across Anglican Provinces from around the world.

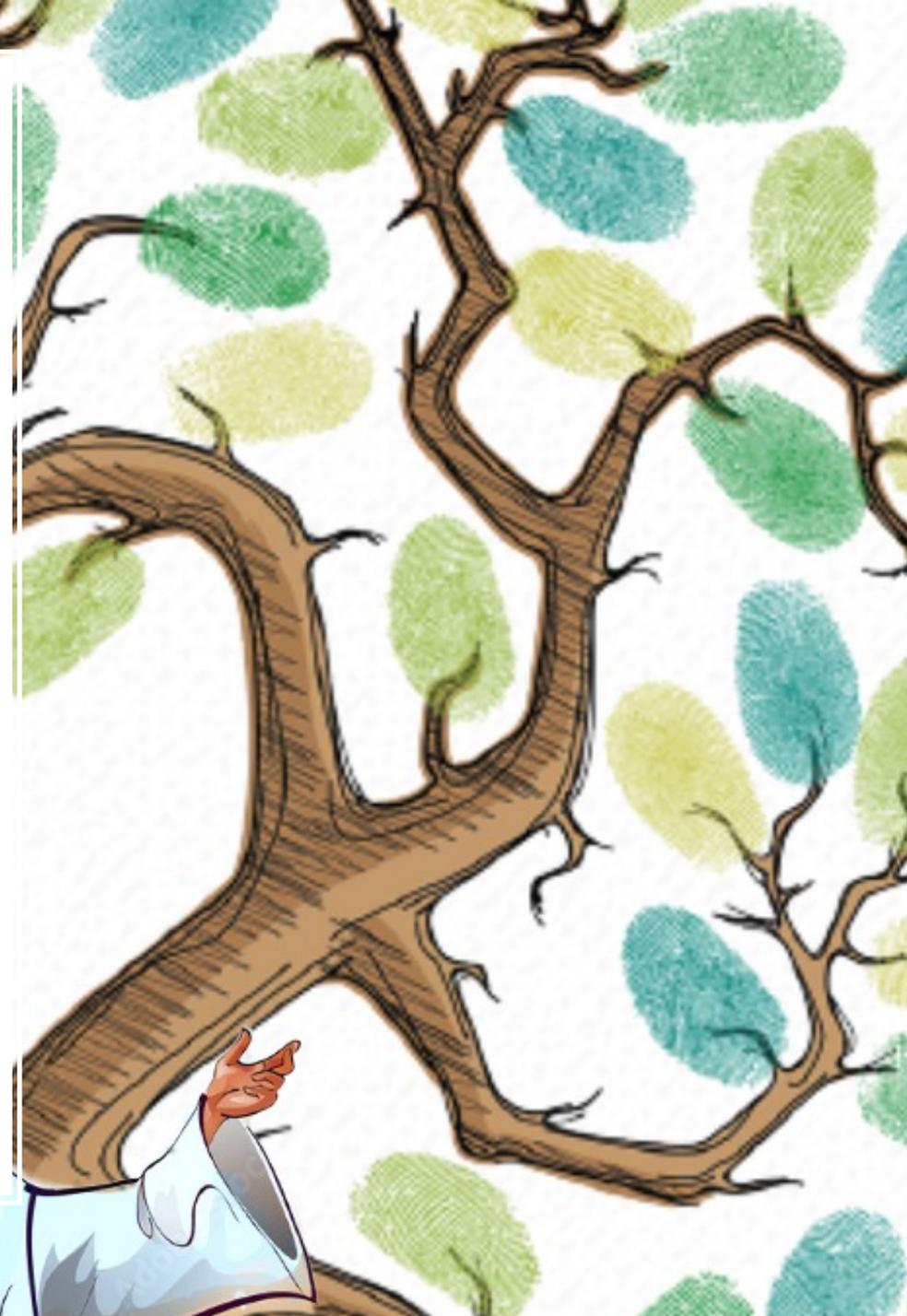
These elements are called The Five Marks of Mission. We believe that the Mission of the Church is The Mission of Christ.



# Mission Statement

## Five Marks of Mission

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (**TELL**)
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers (**TEACH**)
- To respond to human need by loving service (**TEND**)
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (**TRANSFORM**)
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth (**TREASURER**)



# THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

TELL: Share the Good News  
of Jesus Christ

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TEACH:  
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## Mission of this parish

*“Welcoming, loving and serving all God’s children”*

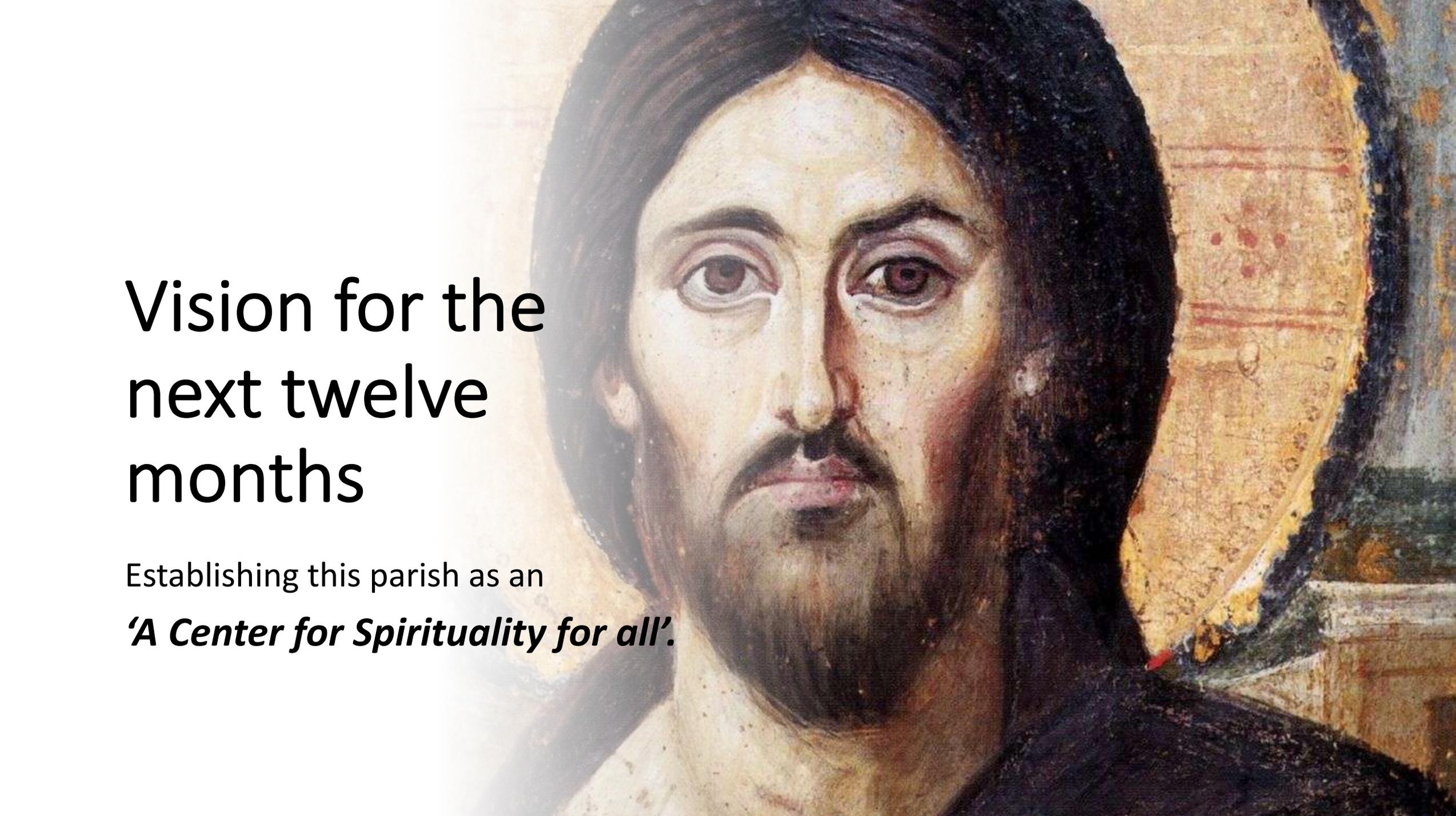
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The parish mission is in alignment with Anglican Communion understanding of Missio Dei.

At St. James, people find an open, accepting and loving family of faith. Newcomers immediately notice a casual atmosphere where “strangers become family.”

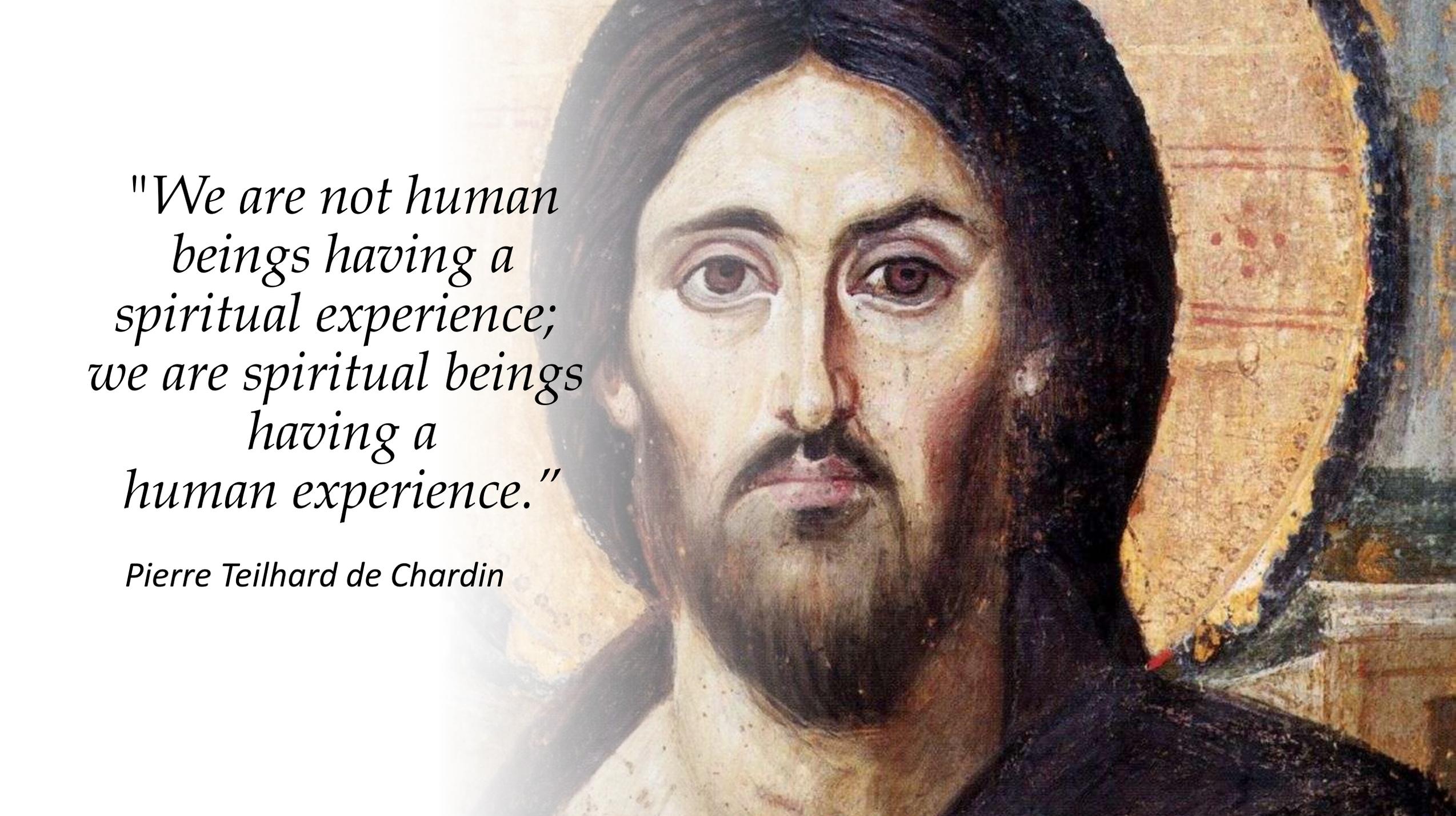
Our congregation embodies a welcoming, caring and serving nature for anyone seeking a closer relationship with God.





# Vision for the next twelve months

Establishing this parish as an  
***'A Center for Spirituality for all'.***

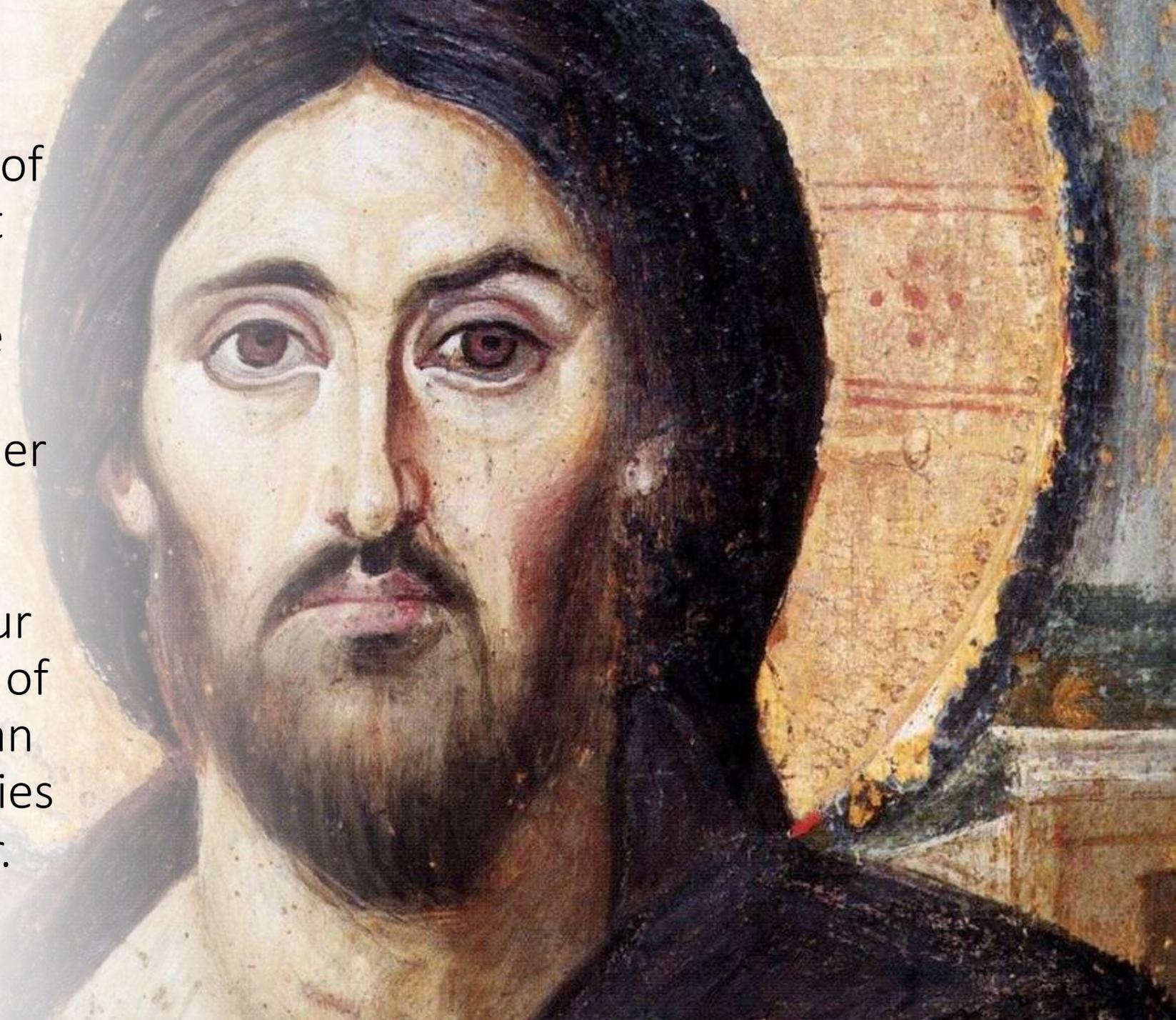
A close-up painting of the face of Jesus Christ. He has long, dark, wavy hair and a full, dark beard and mustache. His eyes are brown and looking slightly to the right. He has a serene but somber expression. Behind his head is a golden halo with some red and blue details. The background is dark and textured.

*"We are not human  
beings having a  
spiritual experience;  
we are spiritual beings  
having a  
human experience."*

*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

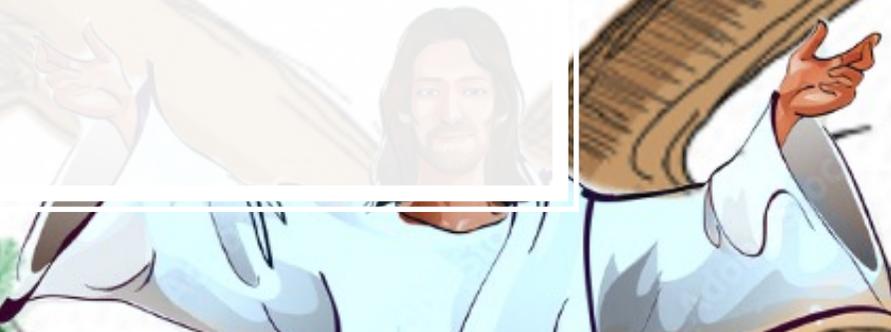
We are, by nature, seekers of spirituality. We know that prayer, worship, and sacraments are just some of the few elements that help us to engage in a deeper relationship with the transcendent.

We acknowledge that in our neighborhood the diversity of ages and cultures creates an opportunity to offer ministries that may bind us together.



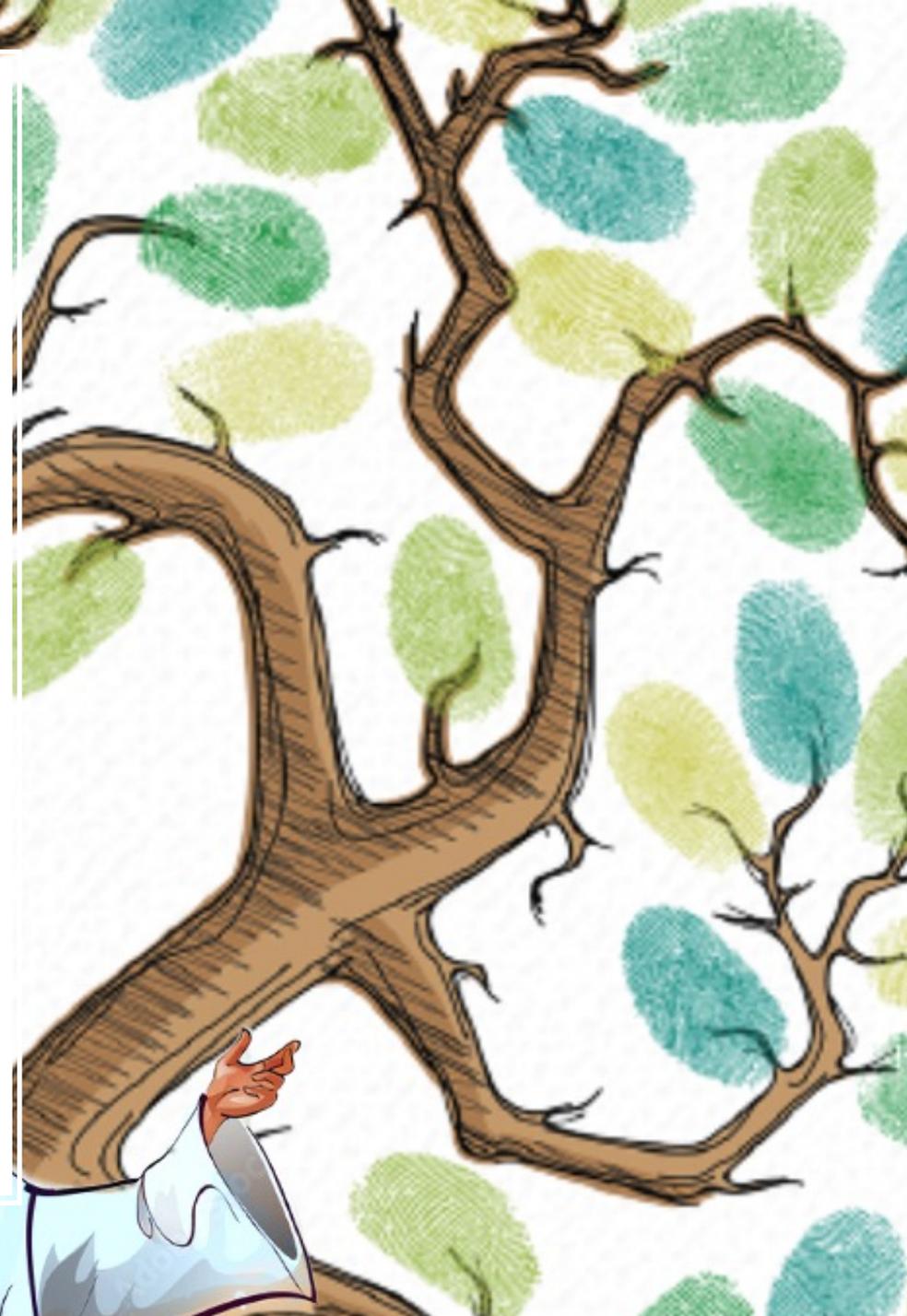
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- To respond to the diversity of spiritual needs of our parishioners;
- To address the unmet spiritual needs of our local community;



# Objectives

- To become a hub for spirituality that attracts larger number of people into the church space to meet their spiritual needs, through events, special programs and festivals. Not only on Sundays, but at least six days a week. We aim to double the number, newcomers or church members.
- Increase church membership by at least 5% (12) this year, based on the National Church website, which reports our current membership as approximately 240 members.
- Increase of revenue as a reflection of the increase of newcomers **and** church events to cover the projected deficit of \$70k.
- Develop collaborative ministry with sister episcopal churches, beginning in the Tempe area, and potentially expanding outward in subsequent years.





**Filing Year**

All ▼

**Diocese**

Arizona ▼

**City**

Tempe ▼

**Congregation Name**

- Select all
- Church of the Epiphany (Tempe)
- St Augustines Church (Tempe)
- St James the Apostle Church (Tempe)

**Membership**

0 9,627



**Average Attendance**

0 1,907



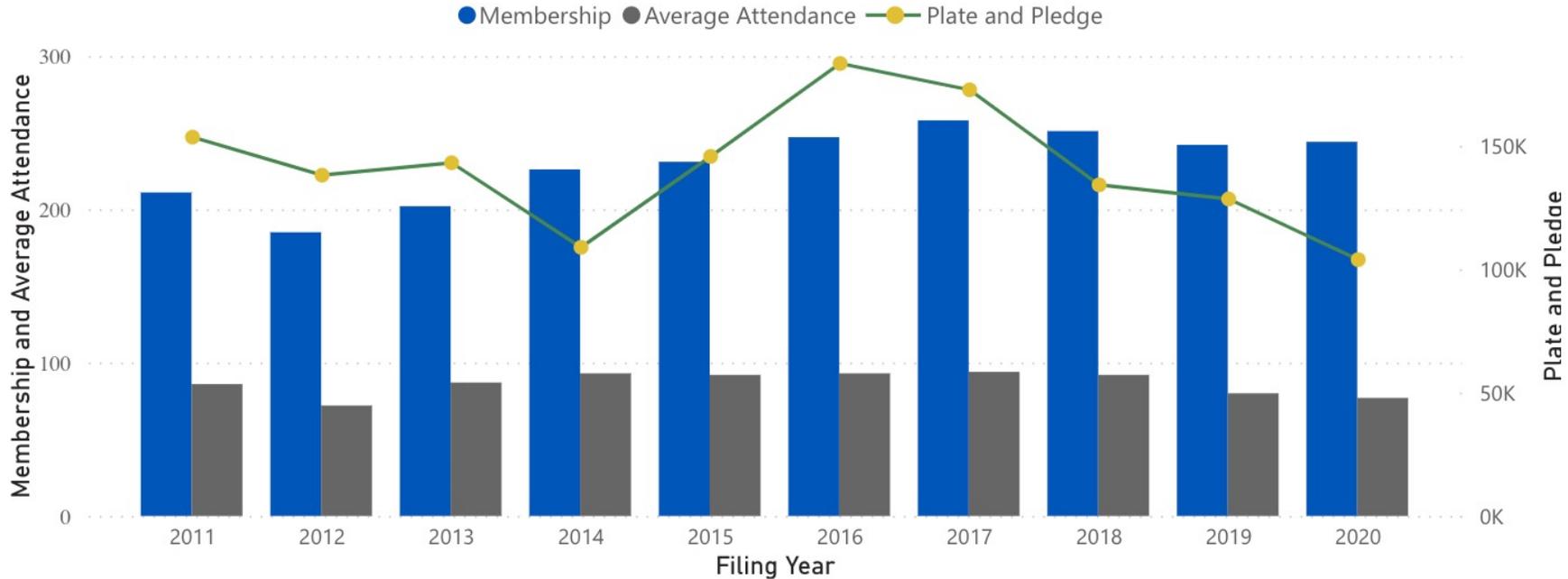
**Plate and Pledge**

0 14,589,235



<b>1</b> <b>Filing in 2020</b>	<b>244</b> <b>Membership in 2020</b>	<b>77</b> <b>Average Attendance in 2020</b>	<b>103,919</b> <b>Plate and Pledge in 2020</b>
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**Participation and Giving Trends Report**



Membership	Average Attendance	Plate and Pledge	Participation and Giving
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# Tactics

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I present to you the following ideas, as an initial starting point. Your input is appreciated as well as your talents, time, and treasure to make this program successful. The collaborative work begins now with your commitment and full participation in the life of our parish.



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# Tactics

- **TELL** - Program for Spirituality of Aging  
*(using internal and/or external programs)*
- **TEACH** - Taizé community & Franciscan Spirituality  
*(in partnership with St. Augustine)*
- **TEND** - Monthly Youth events  
*(events that will bring young people together for fellowship)*
- **TRANSFORM** - LGBTQIA+ Teen support program  
*(possible creation of center)*
- **TREASURER** - Holy Hikes program *(addressing the spirituality of God's Creation Environment)*



# Evaluation

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We will evaluate the progress at the beginning of next year, based on the objectives outline above. We will revise our strategic approach based on this evaluation.

