

Ref:	2018-027601	Church:	Goostrey: St Luke
Diocese:	Chester	Archdeaconry:	Macclesfield
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Statement of Significance

1) Section 1. Brief history and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting

St Luke's is a grade 11* listed building at one end of the main road running through the village in a prominent position.. It was built in 1792-6 of brick replacing a wooden building and documentary evidence places a church at Goostrey at the time of the Domesday Book. The church is located within a burial ground elevated about three metres above adjoining land with all boundaries formed by brick retaining walls.

2) Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:

- i) Its special architectural and historical interest**
- ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest**

The Church and its environs are arguably one of the focal points of historical interest in Goostrey. There is a yew tree by the entrance which has been dated as being over 1,200 years old and whilst the interior is simple there are six painted glass windows (possibly Flemish), three of which have been recently restored. The Font is also of historic interest being from the medieval church and was recently moved from the west wall to the centre of a newly created area at the back of Church.

3) Assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2

The roots of the juniper tree are causing the path to become unsafe as they are definitely a trip hazard. Some of the older parishioners have mentioned it to me and as it is growing darker now down the path it presents a significant obstacle to those walking up and down the path.

Since the removal of the beech tree which was deemed dangerous the space and subsequently the light has meant the church looks more accessible. We would like to make the space in front of the church more welcoming by designing an area which is beautiful and which has a few smaller trees which require less maintenance for the future.

Plan

Interior

Exterior