

SHARING JESUS for LIFE

Sharing

Jesus

A MISSIONAL church that is lovingly connecting with their community and effectively sharing Jesus.

- Church services that are welcoming, engaging and compelling
- effectively communicate the Gospel to a contemporary world
- Minimising formality and ritual to
- Regular courses for introducing people to Jesus and the Christian
- Effective discipleship
- faith
- Christians
- Develop an invitational culture
- Occasional non-threatening social events for inviting friends
- Occasional Gospel events and/or evangelistic services for inviting
- Effective welcoming and follow up of newcomers
- Effective advertising and promotion of the church within the community
- More effective connection with contacts (baptisms, existing confirmations, weddings, etc)
- Special annual services to honour and pray for key community groups (RFS, local council, etc)
- Develop a needs-based outreach ministry providing practical care in lesus' name
- Develop age-appropriate ministries (eg, children, seniors, young mothers)
- Training courses to equip believers to share Jesus simply and effectively
- Develop appropriate pathways and resources for evangelising and discipling

A JESUS - CENTRED church where Jesus is worshipped in spirit and truth and the Bible is clearly taught.

- Church services in which Jesus is central, and God's Word is preached clearly and applied powerfully
- Clear, relevant prayers, readings and songs that are Jesuscentred and Gospel focused
- Develop a growing number of ongoing Bible study groups that are Bible-based and Jesus-focused
- Co-ordination of Bible studies with the preaching program
- Foster dependence upon Jesus by a commitment to regular corporate prayer that underpins and upholds
- Encourage obedience to Jesus by the intentional pursuit of personal and corporate holiness

all church programs and ministries

- Reflect the love of Jesus by the intentional pursuit of love, forgiveness, unity and hospitality within the church
- Revel in the grace of Jesus through the joyful and reverent celebration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Honour Jesus through the generous, sacrificial giving of time, talents and money by church members
- Faithfully serve Jesus through wise governance of the church and good stewardship of resources
- Model Jesus by the establishment and nurturing of godly leaders who are led by the Spirit of Christ and reflect Jesus to the church.

A **DISCIPLING** church producing lifelong disciples of Jesus who are trained and equipped for ministry.

- Church services that involve and develop the gift ministry of believers
- Preaching which transforms and believers for life-long eauips discipleship
- All church members encouraged to join a Bible study group
- Structure and content of Bible study groups facilitate personal growth in all aspects of discipleship
- Develop and promote resources to facilitate personal daily Bible reading and prayer
- Encourage and facilitate personal prayer partners, for the purposes of mutual encouragement, accountability and support in walking with Jesus.
- Train and equip Bible study leaders
- Train and equip pastoral carers
- Train and equip lay service leaders
- Train and equip Bible readers and pray-ers for church services
- Train and equip a welcoming team for services and events
- Train and equip people to disciple
- Train, equip and develop a growing team of preachers and teachers
- and resource ageappropriate ministries (such as children, youth, young adults, retirees, young mothers, etc)
- Encourage and facilitate participation in conferences, seminars and online courses for people wanting to go deeper in their faith

- New relationship with Jesus incorporated into the church family
- Practical care provided to the community in the name of Jesus
- Growth of the church's favourable reputation in the community
- 1 understanding of the Gospel
- 1 number of Bible study groups
- ↑ obvious love and unity
- ↑ hospitality in each other's homes
- ↑ people attending prayer meetings
- ↑ people attending services regularly
- 1 health of finances and resources
- 1 trained leaders for ministries
- ↑ people in Bible study groups
- 1 number of ministries
- ↑ people involved in ministries
- 1 number of people across all ages and backgrounds within the church

ISSUES:

- 1. Ageing buildings requiring high maintenance
- 2. Parishes spread thinly between multiple worship centres
- 3. Ageing congregations with limited energy 4. Limited finances in many parishes
- 5. Many parishes without clergy
- 6. Too many worship services in some churches

CONSIDER:

- 1. Renovate or sell and relocate, either buy or rent
- 2. Close smaller worship centres and combine for 1 impact and 1 efficiency of resources
- Pray for young families and create an environment to attract them (contemp. service) 4. Seek financial advice from Diocese re: priorities and possible steps forward
- 5. Utilise occasional locum ministries and short-term missions.
- 6. Consolidate services to enhance unity and maximise resources



PARISH STRATEGIC PLAN

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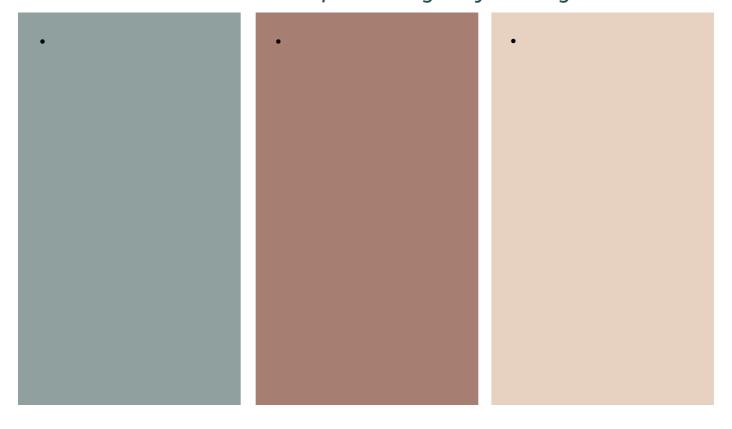
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Humbly relying upon God, and recognising our unique context, we commit to implementing the following:



RESULTING INITIAL ACTION STEPS