



V I S I O N

I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full  
- Jesus (John 10:10b)

*life.* ANGLICAN CHURCH





# INTRODUCTION

Life Anglican Church has had a wonderful history and we are living in exciting times for our church and community. This 2020 vision is the result of our church leaders wrestling in the Scriptures and in prayer over a number of months determining where our God is directing us in the next six years.

With God's help we will be transitioning our church to be built on three biblical purposes: Connecting, Cultivating and Celebration. This will give us the focus and structure which will enable us to develop personal, congregational and numerical growth. This vision is also aligned to the diocesan mission with clear outcomes that can be measured so that we can develop strategies and focus all of our resources to reach these goals.

We cannot achieve this vision without God's blessing and your support. Would you please come and join me as we serve the Lord together and make a real difference for Him in this season of our lives.

## **GEOFF BATES**

Senior Minister  
March 2015



# MISSION

**Connecting people to Jesus,  
Cultivating faith in Jesus,  
and Celebrating life with Jesus.**

## **CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS**

We see a church full of hearts so desperately broken for the lost, and so completely confident in the power of the gospel, that the good news of Jesus is always on our lips and the love of God is clearly seen in our actions.

## **CULTIVATING FAITH IN JESUS**

We see a church so humbled by the power of our creator God, so in awe of the person of Jesus, and so consumed by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, that we are forever submitting ourselves to His Word and turning to Him in prayer.

## **CELEBRATING LIFE WITH JESUS**

We see a church so overcome by the grace and compassion of God, that we cannot help but rejoice, sing and live out our thankfulness in never-ending praise, as we regularly gather and joyfully serve him all of our days.



# VISION

**Sharing the new life of Jesus  
with the world**



## PURPOSE 1

# CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH JESUS, HIS CHURCH AND EACH OTHER

We see a church full of hearts so desperately broken for the lost, and so completely confident in the power of the gospel, that the good news of Jesus is always on our lips and the love of God is clearly seen in our actions.

## KEY FACTORS

- Creating a culture of prayer for the lost
- Calling on people to repent and be baptised
- Engaging with our community and creating opportunities for evangelism
- Reaching children and youth, and through them their families
- Strengthening our invitation, welcoming and integration
- Planting new congregations in various locations
- Responding to the changing face of our community

# CONNECTING GOALS

- 1.1 For at least 50% of our members to report that they are praying for the lost 'most days/every day' (in-house surveys)
- 1.2 For at least 400 adults and 800 children to be baptised
- 1.3 For at least 500 people to have attended 'Plug In'
- 1.4 To increase our members reporting their willingness to talk intentionally about their faith from 21% (NCLS 2011) to at least 50%
- 1.5 To increase our members reporting that they have invited someone to church in the last 12 months from 40% (NCLS 2011) to at least 75%
- 1.6 To increase the percentage of newcomers\* in church from 6% (NCLS 2011) to at least 25%  
\* Newcomers are members aged 15 or more who were not regularly attending any church five years ago, as defined by the National Church Life Survey (NCLS).
- 1.7 To plant at least 7 new congregations across 5 locations



- 1.8 To increase our members born in non-English speaking countries to at least 30%
- 1.9 To have 1,000 children and 500 youth attend one of our weekly on-site ministries.
- 1.10 To have scripture taught in every class in our parish.
- 1.11 To further develop our ministries to people over 65 years of age at ARV, Nursing Homes, hospitals and our congregations.
- 1.12 To increase total church attendance\* from 700 (2014) to at least 2020 by 2020.  
\* Life Anglican Church is not aiming to be a mega-church, but one church with many ministries and congregations.



## PURPOSE 2

# CULTIVATING

## FAITH IN JESUS THROUGH HIS WORD AND PRAYER

We see a church so humbled by the power of our creator God, so in awe of the person of Jesus, and so consumed by the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, that we are forever submitting ourselves to His Word and turning to Him in prayer.

### KEY FACTORS

- Ensuring our preaching and teaching is transformational
- Enriching Christian fellowship through LIFE groups
- Strengthening personal and family devotions through daily prayer and Bible reading

## **CULTIVATING GOALS**

- 2.1. To increase our members reporting 'much growth' in faith from 47% (NCLS 2011) to at least 60%
- 2.2. To increase our members reporting time spent in prayer, Bible reading, meditation 'every day/most days' from 43% (NCLS 2011) to at least 60%
- 2.3. To increase our members reporting the preaching at church is 'always' very helpful to my life from 32% (NCLS 2011) to at least 50%
- 2.4. To increase our members reporting that during church services, they 'always' experience growth in understanding of God from 34% (NCLS 2011) to at least 50%
- 2.5. To increase our members reporting that during church services, they 'always' experience being challenged to take action from 24% (NCLS 2011) to at least 50%
- 2.6. To increase our members reporting God is the most important reality in my life from 67% (NCLS 2011) to at least 75%
- 2.7. To have at least 50% of our members regularly attending Life Groups



## **PURPOSE 3**

# **CELEBRATING LIFE WITH JESUS AS WE GATHER AND SERVE**

We see a church so overcome by the grace and compassion of God, that we cannot help but rejoice, sing and live out our thankfulness in never-ending praise, as we regularly gather and joyfully serve him all of our days.

## **KEY FACTORS**

- Strengthening the Leadership skills of our existing leaders
- Recruiting and Developing new leaders
- Identifying and unleashing the gifts of church members
- Ensuring our church services are places of joy and inspiration

## CELEBRATING GOALS

- 3.1. To increase our members reporting that during church services, they 'always' experience joy from 32% (NCLS 2011) to at least 50%
- 3.2. To increase our members reporting their use of gifts 'to a great extent' from 27% (NCLS 2011) to at least 50%
- 3.3. To increase our members reporting their sense of belonging is 'strong and growing' from 62% (NCLS 2011) to at least 75%.
- 3.4. Establishing and developing Life Ministry College so that we will be equipping God's people in ministries in our churches, nationally and globally. This should have an emphasis on church planting and partnership with other like-minded churches.
- 3.5. Research and support the establishment of a Christian university in Western Sydney to commence before 2020.

## OUR CORE VALUES

Our values flow from our identity in Christ. We are created in God's image and redeemed by Christ's blood for the glory of our Heavenly Father.

### WE THEREFORE VALUE AND CHERISH:

- Dependence upon God
- Godly Leadership
- Prayer
- Bible-centred Teaching
- Christ-likeness
- Knowing and Showing Grace
- Reaching the Lost
- Discipleship

## STRATEGY

Under God to be a church numbering in the thousands, with an increasing number of congregations reaching out both culturally and generationally.



