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SEEKING GOD'S CALLING FOR OUR FUTURE

Our Mission and values

Cheadle Church seeks to honour God in building a loving community of mature disciples of Christ, under the direction of the Word of God, and through the encouragement of the people of God, who will share the gospel and serve the parish, the local community and the wider world, to serve God's purpose of uniting all things under Christ.

In Acts 2:42-47 the life of a church is characterised by activity in five broad areas:

DISCIPLESHIP

Listening to God

The commitment to always grow in faith and love of God, through the Word of God, by the Spirit of God, and is expressed in growing unity, stability, ministry and purpose.

FELLOWSHIP

Loving one another

Loving each other in a Christ-like way, which is the fruit of spiritual birth, Spirit-given unity and forgiveness, and is expressed in meeting, sharing, giving and serving one another.

WORSHIP

Responding to God

Giving God the singular, undivided, loving devotion of our heart, soul and mind, seeking his rule and righteousness, and is expressed in prayer, praise and obedience.

SERVICE

Sharing our lives

Fulfilling our God-given purpose, through using the gifts he has given us to build up others in the unity of the church, and strengthening them through our prayers and gifts in humility.

EVANGELISM

Sharing our faith

Our calling in Christ to reach out with the gospel in word and deed beyond the comfort of our fellowship, to our contacts, community and beyond, to a world always in the reach of God's grace.

Grow
Belong Engage
Share Serve



BE ENCOURAGED • BE CHALLENGED • BE PRAYERFUL

As a Parish, we are committed to a biblical vision and values for our life together. In obedience to God's commands, to love God, love others and share the good news, we express our life together in worship, discipleship, fellowship, service and evangelism.

GROW THE YOUNG Purposeful nurture of young people

By 2020, we aim to see that no young person in our Cheadle area has not heard the Christian faith in ways they can understand; and those who have responded in faith at any stage, will have been retained and matured in that faith into adulthood.

2020 vision is seeking what we believe God is challenging us to become and committing to work towards where we discern he is calling us as a whole parish. It is not what we can do, it is what we believe God will enable us to do.

BUILD THE WITNESS

Purposeful discipling for whole-life mission and discipleship

By 2020, we aim for each adult member of our churches to have seen at least one of friends/family come to faith and regularly pray for five non-Christian friends/family. Regular engagement in mission activity, local or wider; and enabling non-Christians to engage with the gospel faith and fellowship.



COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE

Purposeful communication inside and outside church

By 2020, we aim to see clear, consistent, co-ordinated communication that is relevant and accessible across a variety of media, so that every person in contact with the churches will have understood what we believe and do, and how they can respond.

Our primary purpose and vision is to find our identity and calling in the gracious blessing of God to us in Jesus Christ. In all things we seek to glorify Him and deepen our relationship in Him, which is in itself an expression of His grace towards us.

STRENGTHEN THE WIDER CHURCH Purposeful resourcing and supporting ministry beyond our parish

By 2020, we aim to see active positive mutual relationships with other churches or ministries, by which we share our resources, encourage their growth, equip their ministry and share experiences.

So we recognise a commitment to always be growing in our biblical obedience and prayerful dependence on God. We are committed to developing ways that Scripture's truth is better heard and heeded by us; and that our prayer, together and in smaller groups, is more faithfully and frequently shared and heard by God.

In all things we acknowledge that without active dependence upon Him, expressed in our prayer and obedience, any activity will not fulfil His ultimate purpose, that we live for His glory.

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We also recognise in our rich resources of people, buildings and talents that God is calling us to share those, supporting other Christians around us, and developing ways to reach out more effectively and sacrificially to our community.

BE PART OF MAKING IT REALITY