



Christ Church
Abingdon

With Jesus, Like Jesus, For Jesus

Vision – One Page Working Draft 18 Jan 2019

Purpose

We believe that in Jesus, God has revealed the most compelling way to be fully human and fully alive. God is calling us back to our first love of him, to flourish as a community practising the way of Jesus and drawing others to His gift of eternal life. Our dream is to be devoted to Him, filled with his Spirit and rooted in the Bible; a beacon of light seeing our town, neighbourhoods and networks transformed.

We therefore seek to grow as disciples of Jesus by being a church that prioritises:-

- being with Jesus**, as a worshipping, welcoming, grace-filled family
- becoming like Jesus**, as a loving, caring and joyful people
- living for Jesus**, as a vibrant, gospel-sharing, serving community.

Values

We long that all we do is for the Father's glory. Therefore the core values which we seek to underpin all that we do and that we believe reflect Jesus are:

- It's Christ's Church
- Compelled by Love
- Gospel Centred and Kingdom Focussed
- Rooted in the Word and Led by the Spirit
- Welcoming to All
- Faithful in Prayer
- United across the Generations, Congregations and Sites
- Generous in All Things
- Valuing All Member Ministry
- Known for Justice and Caring for Creation

Action

In seeking to turn this vision into action, we seek to be a healthy church which reflects Jesus calling the disciples *to be with him* and *to be sent out* by him (Mark 3:14). In particular we seek to have a balance of actions across these areas:

Being with Jesus (Breathing In), building a strong base where:

- God is honoured through our deep, passionate, whole-life **worship**
- Everyone is **welcomed** and finds a place to belong and be loved
- New believers are **nurtured** and strengthened in the faith
- Each member of the church **community** is known and cared for
- All believers grow into **maturity** in Christ and are equipped to serve Him
- We have adequate time for Sabbath **rest**

Being sent out by Jesus (Breathing-Out), where:

- Individuals are acknowledged and supported on their "**frontlines**"
- We meet local needs through **loving service** offered in Jesus name
- We seek to prioritise **evangelism**, calling all to repentance, faith and new life in Christ
- We send and support **Mission Partners** locally and globally
- We plant and nurture **new congregations**
- We maintain a **global outlook** caring for God's world

In all these things we will seek to use the **resources** God gives to us wisely; we will **keep listening, seeking God**, and **prune** where necessary to become even more fruitful.

Notes

The PCC are circulating this as a working draft to church members, for prayer and discussion in life groups, families and with friends. Do you believe this draft vision is generally on the right track and in line with what God is saying to the church? Are there any major things we've missed, or anything that needs rewording?

We've got a double-sided A4 version of the vision which goes into more detail, and twelve pages of the many action points that the church members submitted in the Autumn. We've also got a one page summary of the words and pictures that were shared. You're welcome to ask the church office to see any of these!

*We'd love your feedback, emailed to vision@cca.uk.net or handed in to the church office, **by 17 February**.*