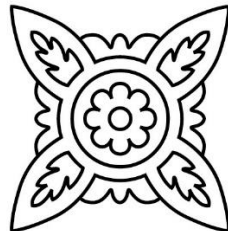




## **DRAFT MISSION ACTION PLAN**

**2020–2023**



**ST PAUL'S | PAPANUI**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Helping People to  
Meet God,  
Make Friends  
and Grow In Faith**

## **Draft Mission Action Plan**

A mission action plan gives direction on the particular mission of a ministry unit within the broader mission of the Church, which participates in the mission of God to the world. There are approximately 300 churches in Christchurch. They all embody in some way parts of God's mission in this city. We are seeking to discern what the particular mission of St Paul's Papanui is at this time. We want to explore how this Church can help people to meet God, to make friends and to grow in faith. Who and how can we serve in ways that other parts of the Universal Church cannot serve that well?

This church has many strengths that we are called to use. We have a heritage building that is a landmark in the local community, is situated in a beautiful graveyard, and is easily reached by different transport modes. We are well connected to several community groups. As a small church, we provide a welcoming community. Many of our parishioners are elderly, but talented and faithful.

We also face particular challenges. We are a fairly traditional church that may be perceived as boring, irrelevant and mono-cultural. The Parish has had a somewhat turbulent recent history. This also means that we are relatively few people and therefore have to be careful not to take on activities that would overload our volunteers. Like some other churches, we need to build up our knowledge of the Bible and our faith, and increase our focus on discipleship. We are called to be

good stewards of what God has given us. This also means recognising the financial challenges and gifts.

The Vestry has considered our current times and proposed a Mission Action Plan that looks at initiatives in the next three years (*new initiatives* underlined and in italics). I commend that vision to you, to pray about it and to comment on it. We probably will try some things and find they may not succeed, and new unforeseen opportunities will open up. Through it all God will be with us. In addition, we need to discern the long-term direction of this Parish and consider how we might use this heritage in the Mission of God.

*Blessings, Tim*

Prayer for St Paul's

Loving God,

grow us into a community of grace  
in which the love and life of Christ  
are to be found.

Through the Holy Spirit,  
may your abundant grace flow between us and out to  
the community and world around us.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Healer and Lord.  
Amen.

## Meet God

### ✝ Sunday Worship services

📖 8 am review service format

📖 10 am continue music and liturgy development

📖 Evensong monthly

📖 Spanish Service

✝ Open Church explore opening hours and promotion of quiet space to community and visitors

✝ Personal devotion encourage personal prayer and Bible reading and provide resources

### ✝ Creation Care

📖 Environmental Management Plan Foster an ethic of stewardship and wisely use resources to support parish activities, reducing negative impacts on the environment

📖 Retreats and other events that allow our parish to enjoy the beauty of the Earth

*Hallelujah*

# Make Friends

## ✝ Groups

📖 Knitting group

📖 Fellowship group

📖 Men's group establish a regular event with food and topics appealing to blokes

✝ Movie nights regular movie nights in the church

✝ Gardening as an activity to connect people and invite others

✝ Musical Play connecting with young families in the community

✝ Hospitality provide hospitality at church events and encourage hospitality between parishioners

✝ Concerts / Events hold regular events to connect with the community

✝ Friends of St Paul's link with people that are not directly involved in Parish life, but value the heritage of St Paul's

✝ Dove Bookshop connect people with a love of reading and working together while providing a pleasant place to linger and some funds for the Parish

✝ Papanui Youth Development Trust, the Youth Hub and Te Ora Hou develop closer links with youth organisations and co-operate in events and projects

✝ Ecumenical foster relationships with other churches in the area, including other Anglican and ethnic churches

# Grow in Faith

- ✝ Home Groups
- ✝ Nurture / discipleship groups
- ✝ Alpha Course offer an Alpha Course for both current parishioners and other interested people
- ✝ Special topic studies 3-5 week studies on a particular topic about twice a year
- ✝ Sunday Kids instruct our children in faith and provide a welcoming place for families
- ✝ Parish Magazine encouraging parishioners to share inspiring stories, reflections, art...
- ✝ Encouraging people's gifts intentional focus on discovering and encouraging gifts
- ✝ Equipping for ministry offering opportunities for ministry development, including training and person-to-person links (also in co-operation with the Diocese and Laidlaw College)
- ✝ Stewardship plan use personal and church resources well and with thankfulness

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