

MISSION ACTION PLAN

2021–2023



ST PAUL'S | PAPANUI
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world, as that God has a church for his mission in the world. Mission was not made for the church; the church was made for mission
—God's mission. Chris Wright

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. St Paul's Papanui is part of God's mission and is offering its particular gifts to help people to meet God, to make friends and to grow in faith.

We have Jesus' commission to make disciples in all nations (Matthew 28:19). Discipleship, therefore, is a key aspect of the outworking of God's mission in the world. In the first letter to the Thessalonian church, Paul described the church there in terms of discipleship, encouraging them as they were faithful to their calling.

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Work, faith, labour, love, endurance and hope are all connected together as Christians grow as disciples and also impact on the world. These cannot be seen separately. Simplifying the verse a little, we can see how faith flows over into love and together they inspire to good works, which again encourage hope and renewed faith. At the centre of all this is Jesus Christ.



Paul's words are first of all addressed to a church community. We are not disciples alone; we are not engaged in God's mission alone, but together, both through the people in this Parish and those in other churches. It is therefore important that we encourage each other and build each other up, while at the same time looking outwards to show God's love to those who we meet.

This Mission Action Plan has come out of the consideration of the Vestry with further input by various parishioners. The Mission Action Plan looks at initiatives in the next three years (*new initiatives* underlined and in italics). 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.

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

✝ Guest musicians at services occasionally invite other groups to lead music and worship (up to 5x a year) with shared lunch when appropriate

✝ **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

✝ Rest home services

✝ Creation Care

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

📖 Papanui Bush Get involved in a local project to regenerate a part of our community and provide further breathing space for nature in the city


✝ **Overseas Mission** Supporting our overseas mission partners; giving through the Anglican Missions Board

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

† **Church bells** audible connection to the community, inviting people to come

† **Gardens** as an activity to connect people and invite others as a place for lingering, reflecting and relaxing.

† **Musical Play** connecting with young families in the community

† **Hospitality** provide hospitality at church events and encourage hospitality between parishioners;
look into establishing parish visitors

† **Concerts / Events** hold regular events to connect with the community

† **Book Fair** connect people with a love of reading and working together while raising funds for the Parish

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

† **Heritage events** participate in heritage week and other heritage events

- † Papanui Youth Development Trust, the Youth Hub and Te Ora Hou develop closer links with youth organisations and co-operate in events and projects;
provide land and support to the Papanui Youth Development Trust
- † **Ecumenical** foster relationships with other churches in the area, including other Anglican and ethnic churches
- † **Weddings and Funerals** offer Christian weddings and funerals in the church and encourage connections with St Paul's

Hallelujah

Grow in Faith

✝ Home 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; give training and direction for service helpers.

✝ 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

✝ **Food bank** contribute to the outreach of the Christchurch City Mission through grocery donations

