



2020 Vision

We pray that we will be a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church who seeks to influence all communities with the hope and love of God.

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Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

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Foreword



Jesus said “I will build my church”

Matthew 16:18

One of the great things about Christians is their desire for something to happen. Indeed not just something, but something of significance. This is certainly the heart of Figtree Anglican Church (FAC). Over many years Parish Councils and staff teams have worked together, prayed together, changed together and listened to many views that have been expressed with passion, but always expressed with grace.

FAC is a wonderful church with a rich and extraordinary history. While not being a typical Anglican Church, under God, the faithfulness of previous generations have brought us to this point in time; a people ready and willing to be used by God for His Kingdom. We believe in honouring the past and ensuring we provide a strong legacy for the future, as we strive to see the Kingdom grow at home and beyond.

Much of what is shared in this 2020 Vision book is already underway, but it is our prayer that as we launch out once again with courage and faith, many people will hear and respond to the saving news of Jesus Christ.

Ian Barnett,
Senior Minister

Mission & Vision

Our Mission

To build a community of grace, committed to making disciples of Jesus.

The mission of FAC is to seek and build God's Kingdom by making, maturing and equipping followers of Jesus Christ who will influence our culture, by bringing the gospel to bear on all of life. Our mission is to make disciples as we build a people and community who are grace filled.

Our Vision

To be a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church with an expanding influence on communities, cities and nations with the hope and love of God.

We look for the gospel to make an impact in our community, the cities of Australia and the nations of the world, by first changing the lives of individuals. We believe FAC has been called by God to have a influence beyond our geographical boundaries, by equipping and sending people into the world.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household

Ephesians 2:19



“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world but that God has a church for his mission in the world.”

Christopher Wright

Pathway

Our broad ministry strategy follows a simple 3 step approach which seeks to at every opportunity, ensure that the heart of a believer is being fully engaged for the glory of God.

† Connecting

Connecting people to Christ through engagement & evangelism

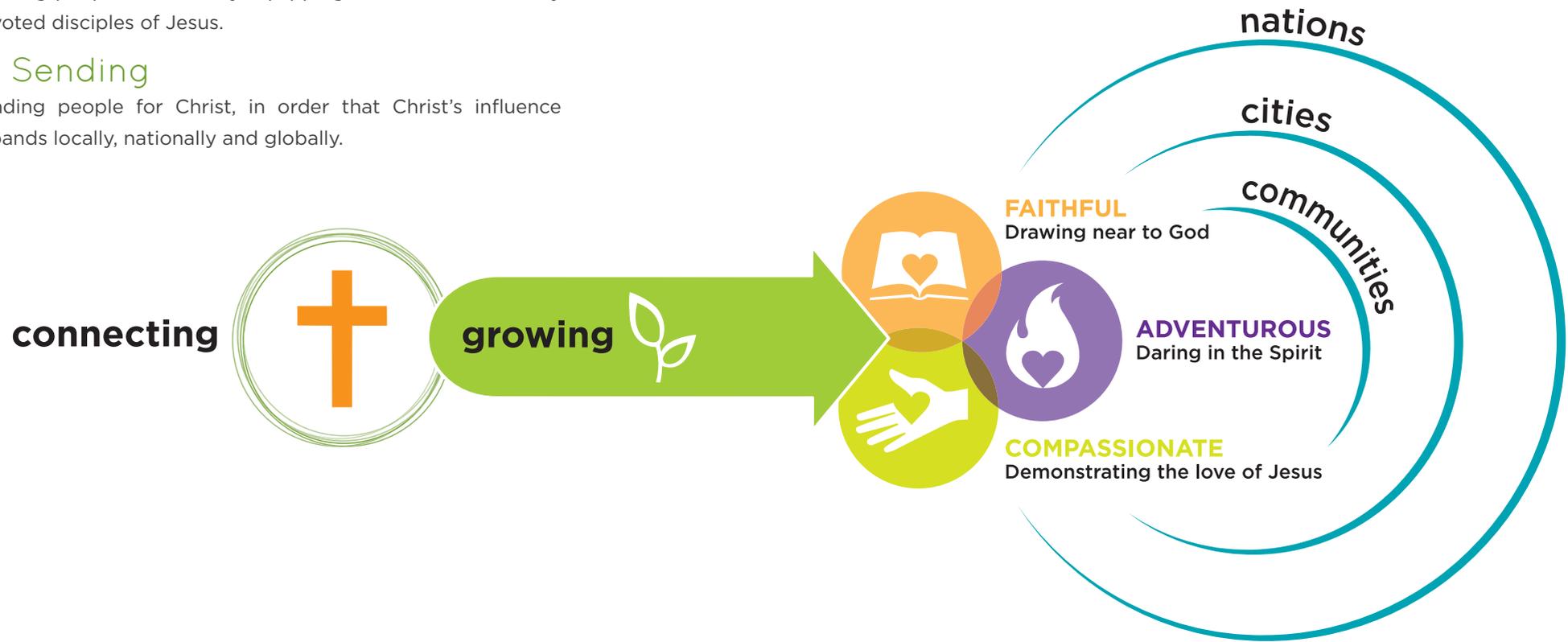
🌱 Growing

Growing people in Christ by equipping them to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus.

🌀 Sending

Sending people for Christ, in order that Christ's influence expands locally, nationally and globally.

We are a church that wants to continue to grow both wide and deep in order to do the work God has prepared for us in advance to do, and faithfully fulfil the mission He has set for us; a church who raises up and sends the next generation of leaders so we can continue to have an influence in communities, cities and nations.



2020 Challenge

As we pray BIG HAIRY AUDACIOUS PRAYERS in what it means to be a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church with an expanding influence on communities, cities and nations with the hope and love of God, we look forward to how God will use us as His servants in Christ to further His Kingdom towards 2020.



Faithful

- We pray that God will use us to facilitate 10,000 people coming to faith in Jesus Christ.
- We pray that God will use us to personally disciple 1,000 new Christians.



Adventurous

- We pray that God will call every member of FAC to be on local mission through our Key Mission Communities, expanding to 20, by 2020.
- We pray that God will bless us in training 20 young people as 410 Interns and sending at least 5 Interns into full time ministry.



Compassionate

- We pray that God will grow His Kingdom through a permanent off-site ministry outreach to Unanderra and Farmborough operating across the week, where support services are provided to serve both the local and our FAC community.
- We pray that God will use us to develop ministries that have at their very core kingdom values which demonstrate greater levels of mercy and compassion.



Vision Impact

Key ministries that are helping us achieve our Mission and Vision:

Communities

God changing lives while his people who are faithful, adventurous and compassionate, seek to make disciples of Jesus in our community by:

- Building strong families through Christ centred kids, youth, marriage and parenting ministries, so that whole families are impacted.
- Building a strong network of LifeGroups that support cross-generational meaningful relationships with each other, and a life changing relationship with Jesus.
- Building strong relationships with those who we live, work and laugh with, as we seek to love them as Jesus loves us.
- Building stronger ties with our local community through expanding ministries that offer hope and healing in Jesus' name.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23





Cities

God changing lives while his people who are faithful, adventurous and compassionate seek to make disciples of Jesus in cities by:

- Building a stronger international ministry so that every nation and every tongue in heaven is represented at church.
- Building stronger and broader Key Mission Communities that seek to engage with and address identified needs, in order to touch more and more lives for Jesus.

Nations

God changing lives while being a faithful, adventurous and compassionate church who seeks to make disciples of Jesus in nations by:

- Developing strategic relationships with mission projects by sending short term teams, and providing both prayer and financial support.
- Developing our World Missions Conference to ensure our mission partners are fully supported.
- Developing and training the next generation through our 410 Intern program, ensuring we are sending out the next wave of mission workers for the next decade.
- Partnering in a prayer movement for revival in our nation, in our generation.

Strategic Priorities

We believe the following three key areas working together, are humanly speaking, how God will grow our church over the next five years and therefore will be our central focus for the 2020 Vision.

- **LifeGroups**
Ensuring that our life's journey is not done in isolation.
- **Key Mission Communities**
How we as a local Church, do local mission.
- **Sunday Gatherings**
Becoming a passionate church of worship, community and mission.

How passionately we each personally embrace these three areas, should be reflected in how others see us living out being faithful, adventurous and compassionate.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

LifeGroups

Ensuring that our life's journey is not done in isolation.

- **A place to belong:** In a large church like FAC it's easy to be lost in the crowd, if you're not part of a small group. If there is going to be growth in our church it will be increasingly important to see our LifeGroup network as the principal place of community, care, prayer and spiritual formation.
- **A place to grow:** LifeGroups are the foundational path to full maturity as a disciple of Jesus. It's where members can dig deeper into God's word and work out its application together. While we can't force people to join a group, it is hoped that stories of growth that come from them will commend them to others.
- **A place to engage:** One way LifeGroups are applying what they are learning, is in reaching out and meeting the needs in our local community and beyond. Greater impact can be made when members flex their compassion muscles together.



Our goal is that by 2020, we will have 80% of our church members meeting in LifeGroups across the week.



Our goal is to be known as a people who hold firmly to the truth of the gospel and that life is found in Jesus Christ; known in our community as a Christ centred, bible based, friendly, socially aware and action orientated community of people, who enjoy creativity and gathering together to celebrate God's goodness.

Measuring our progress

- New leaders are developed and commissioned.
- New groups are birthed.
- Greater levels of love is experienced.
- Community is no longer a word used but a felt experience.
- Gossip is replaced with higher levels of encouragement.
- People speak about the integration of their LifeGroup and church experience.
- A greater level of prayer happens, which comes from a deeper desire to know God.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-7

Key Mission Communities

How we as a local Church, do local mission.

- **That God grows the church** is an accepted reality. How He grows it is through the gospel, the message of Christ's life, teaching, death and resurrection for our salvation. While there are many factors that contribute to people embracing the gospel, proclamation of this message is key to church growth as we seek to be a light in the world (Matthew 5:14-16).
- **Key Mission Communities** are a way to mobilise the body of Christ to be at the centre of this proclamation in both word and deed (Eph 4:11-16). It is hoped that over the next five years, that which has started as 9 KMCs will have developed and birthed new communities, allowing for the mobilisation of a new generation into mission.
- **Being socially engaged and aware** is, more than ever, the need of the next 3 to 5 years. As Christians we need to embrace the historical evangelical movement which was about social engagement. Churches once functioned as centres of community life, therefore we once again need to do all we can to be a light to this city.

 **Our goal** is that by 2020, we will have fully refined our Key Mission Communities to be working together to achieve our 2020 vision.

 **Our goal** is that by 2020 we will have a fully integrated site development plan that supports the expansion of Key Mission Communities.

Measuring our progress

- Full integration and alignment with KMC vision.
- Stories of change experienced.
- Stories of new members engaging with mission.
- Increase in adult baptisms.
- Culture change experienced.
- Next generation fully engaged.
- People who are excited about serving.
- Spiritual gifts are valued and used.
- Higher levels of passion are seen and felt.
- People who are not engaged will ask, "How do I get involved?"

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13



Sunday Gatherings

That we would become a passionate church of worship, community and mission.

- **Worship:** Our Sunday gatherings deepen our devotion to God. We are His people and His family and through our gatherings we worship and submit ourselves before Him as our Father. Without this vertical dimension, church is not church and all our efforts will fail. We must, especially in this generation, not give up gathering together, hearing from His word and singing His praises, with each of our gatherings unique in style to those we are seeking to reach.
- **Community:** Devotion to God as our Father will inspire us to love and serve each other. Community is basic to Christianity. It means sharing our lives, our joys and our challenges with one another. This must include both spiritual and social elements.
- **Mission:** FAC must continue to grow and change with the times, as we identify more relevant expressions of worship, community and mission that can both build God's people and reach those who are far from God.

 **Our goal** is that by 2020, we would have 1000 regular attenders at our worship services.

 **Our goal** is that by 2020 we would have an annual mission budget that enables \$200,000 pa to be allocated for mission and aid to communities, cities and nations.

Measuring our progress

- Members complain when they miss church.
- Members arrive on time with a renewed sense of excitement.
- Members intentionally connect with new people and new relationships are formed.
- Hearts are changed, generosity increases in all areas of life including forgiveness.
- Grace is expressed as it flows outward to those around us.
- New people visit us because of what FAC members are saying about our church.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25



2020 Snapshot



We believe that by 2020, God wants us to be a Church that:

- Loves God and loves people.
- Exists to make disciples.
- Identifies and trains leaders.
- Focuses on reaching lost people.
- Ensures that grace does not vanish.
- Is intentional in everything we do.
- Places a high priority on reaching the next generation of children and youth.
- Is innovative, creative and passionate.
- Is relational and fun.
- Keeps its adventurous and pioneering spirit.
- Is dependent on God through prayer, faith and the Holy Spirit.
- Measures more by our sending capacity than our seating capacity.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15



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