



**Christ Church** SELLY PARK  
making | growing | sending | **disciples of Jesus**

## Our Vision

**We long to see:** God's name honoured <sup>a</sup>, his kingdom come <sup>b</sup>, lives transformed <sup>c</sup>

## Our Mission

**Who we are:** God sent his Son to buy freedom for us, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts. <sup>d</sup>

**What we do:** Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' <sup>e</sup>

**Our mission is to join in with our Father's mission by: making, growing, sending disciples of Jesus**



**MAKING new disciples of Jesus means we all share what God calls us to share:**

good news that through Jesus everyone can be forgiven <sup>f</sup>, adopted as children into God's family <sup>g</sup>, and receive new life in his kingdom <sup>h</sup>

**GROWING as disciples of Jesus means we all live as God calls us to live:**

as God's holy people <sup>i</sup>, filled with his Spirit <sup>j</sup>, built up in love and unity <sup>k</sup> – becoming who we are more fully, to please God <sup>l</sup>

**SENDING out disciples of Jesus means we all go wherever God calls us to go:**

into all the world <sup>m</sup> as salt and light <sup>n</sup> – to our friends and families, neighbours, workplaces and beyond – in love and self-sacrifice <sup>o</sup>



### MAKING – how?

**Sharing** Jesus in word and deed with confidence and grace <sup>p</sup>

**Inviting** others to come and see Jesus for themselves <sup>q</sup>

**Praying** for people to turn to Jesus and receive his life <sup>r</sup>



### GROWING – how?

**Serving** the Lord our Father and one another in love every day <sup>s</sup>

**Listening** to Jesus through the Bible with faith and obedience <sup>t</sup>

**Walking** in the power, fruit, gifts and ministries of the Spirit <sup>u</sup>



### SENDING – how?

**Following** Jesus with courage, trusting he is with us <sup>v</sup>

**Going** and being a blessing to all peoples and all creation <sup>w</sup>

**Standing Firm** against evil and darkness in the name of Jesus <sup>x</sup>

**This is our worship:** our whole lives transformed and renewed by God <sup>y</sup>, lived for his praise and glory <sup>z</sup>

## Our Prayer

**This is our prayer:** Come, Holy Spirit – be poured out on us (me), fill us (me), and make us (me) new

## All Scripture quotations are from the NIV, unless otherwise stated.

a. **Psalm 29.2:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name. **Jeremiah 3.17:** At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honour the name of the Lord. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts. **Matthew 6.9-10:** [Jesus said,] 'This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name... on earth as it is in heaven.'

b. **Daniel 7.14:** His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. **Matthew 6.9-10:** [Jesus said,] 'This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven... your kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven.' **Mark 1.15:** 'The time has come,' [Jesus] said, 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' **Revelation 12.10:** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God.'

c. **Ezekiel 36.26:** [The Lord says:] 'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.' **2 Corinthians 3.18:** We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 5.17:** If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! **Colossians 3.5-10:** Put to death... whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry... You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

d. **Galatians 4.4-6** (NLT): But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, 'Abba, Father.'

e. **Matthew 28.18-20:** Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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.'

f. **Joel 2.32:** [The Lord replied,] 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' **Luke 3.3:** [Jesus] went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **Acts 2.38:** Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' **1 Corinthians 6.11:** You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

g. **Genesis 22.17:** [God said to Abram,] 'I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.' **Romans 8.15:** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' **Ephesians 1.5:** [The Father] predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. **1 John 3.1:** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

h. **Romans 6.4:** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **Ephesians 2.4-5:** Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. **1 Timothy 1.16:** For that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. **Revelation 22.17:** The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

i. **Leviticus 20.26:** [The Lord said,] 'Say to the Israelites: "You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own." ' **Matthew 5.48:** [Jesus said,] 'Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.' **John 17.17:** [Jesus prayed,] 'Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.' **1 Peter 1.15-16:** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'

j. **Joel 2.28:** [The Lord replied,] 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.' **Luke 11.13:** [Jesus said,] 'If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' **Ephesians 5.18-20:** Be filled with the

Spirit... Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

k. **Psalm 31.24:** Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. **1 Corinthians 8.1:** Knowledge puffs up while love builds up. **2 Corinthians 13.11:** Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. **Ephesians 4.16:** From [Christ] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. **1 Thessalonians 5.11:** Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

l. **Ephesians 4.1:** I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **Colossians 1.9-12:** We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power... and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. **1 Thessalonians 4.1:** We instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. **1 Thessalonians 5.5-8:** You are all children of the light and children of the day... since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

m. **Jeremiah 29.4 & 7:** The Lord says to all those I carried into exile... 'Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.' **John 17.14-19:** [Jesus prayed,] 'I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it... As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.' **1 John 4.17:** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus.

n. **Matthew 5.13-16:** [Jesus said,] 'You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' **Romans 13.12:** The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. **Colossians 4.6:** Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

o. **Leviticus 19.18:** Love your neighbour as yourself. **Deuteronomy 6.5:** Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. **Luke 9.23:** Then [Jesus] said... 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'

p. **Acts 1.8:** [Jesus said,] 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.' **2 Corinthians 5.20:** We are... Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. **Colossians 3.17:** Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. **1 Peter 3.15:** Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

q. **John 1.46:** 'Can anything good come from [Nazareth]?' Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip. **John 4.28-30 & 42:** The woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' They came out of the town and made their way towards him... [Later] they said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'

r. **Ezekiel 33.11:** 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways!' **John 20.31:** These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **Acts 3.19:** [Peter said,] 'Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.' **Romans 10.1:** My heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

s. **Joshua 24.15:** [Joshua said,] 'Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' **2 Corinthians 8.5:** They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. **Galatians 5.13:** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **Revelation 1.5-6:** To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

t. **Matthew 12.50:** [Jesus said,] 'Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.' **John 15.14:** [Jesus said,] 'You are my friends if you do what I command.' **2 Timothy 3.16-17:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **James 1.22:** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **1 John 2.4-6:** Whoever says, 'I know [Jesus],' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

u. **Zechariah 4.6:** 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. **1 Corinthians 12.4-7:** There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. **Galatians 5.22-25:** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law... Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

v. **Joshua 1.9:** [The Lord said to Joshua,] 'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' **Isaiah 41.10:** [The Lord says,] 'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' **Matthew 4.19:** 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' **John 8.12:** Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' **John 15.4:** [Jesus said,] 'Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.'

w. **Genesis 2.15:** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **Genesis 12.1-3:** The Lord had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.' **Romans 8.19:** Creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. **Galatians 3.14:** He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

x. **Luke 10.17-20:** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, 'Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.' He replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.' **2 Corinthians 10.3-4:** For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. **Ephesians 6.10-14 & 18:** Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then... And pray in the Spirit on all occasions.

y. **Psalm 51.10:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. **Romans 12.1-2:** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Titus 3.5-6:** He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

z. **Psalm 72.19:** Praise be to his glorious name for ever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. **Ephesians 1.11-12:** In him we were also chosen... in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **Philippians 1.9-11:** This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God. **Revelation 7.11-12:** They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying: 'Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!'