

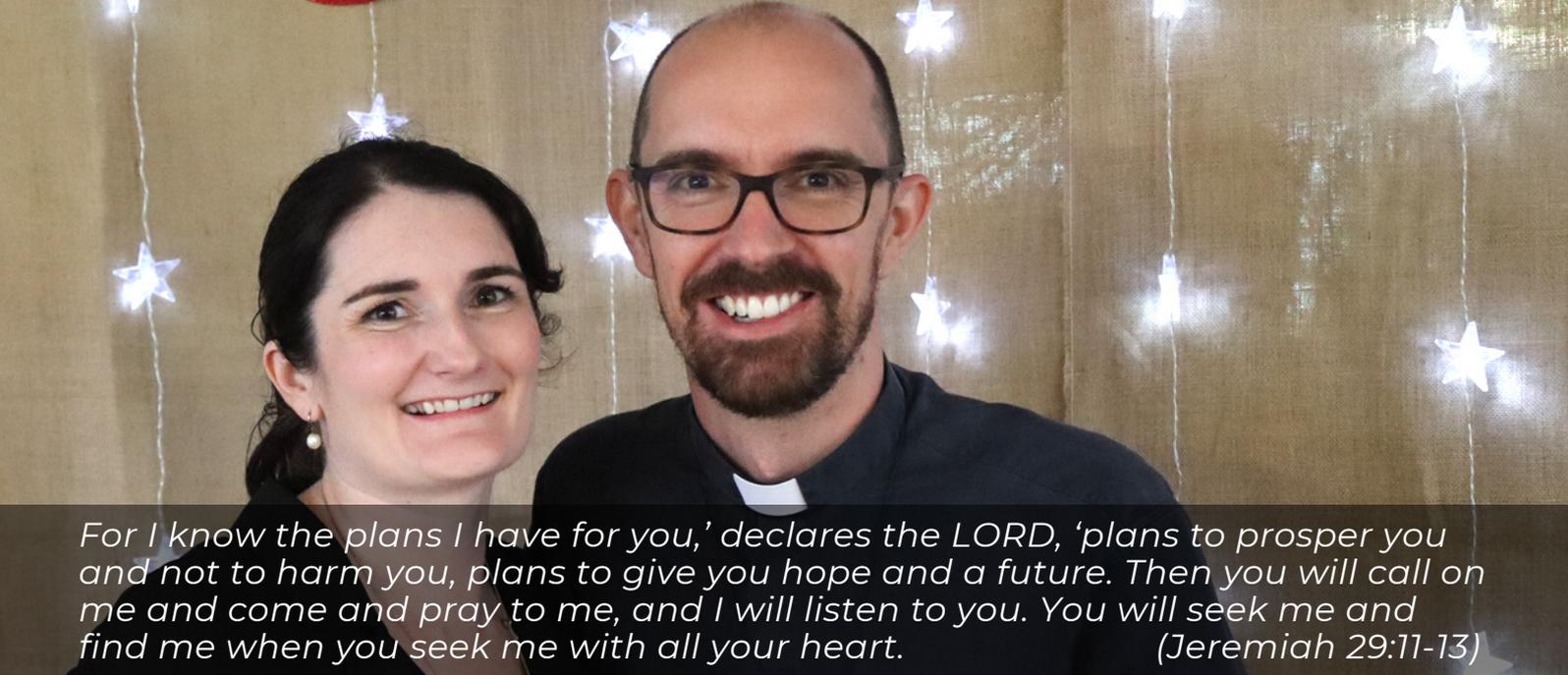
A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of several people are visible as they sit in wooden pews. In the middle ground, a priest in white vestments and a mitre is performing a rite, possibly a blessing, with a golden crosier. To his left, another man in a white shirt and purple stole is also visible. In the background, a large window with green curtains is partially visible, and a projection screen displays the word "Blessing" and some text. The church has a brick wall.

Anglican Church

All Saints' Booval

MISSION PLAN

**NURTURING
AND
EQUIPPING
DISCIPLES
TO KNOW CHRIST
AND MAKE
CHRIST KNOWN**



For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

LOOKING AHEAD

Reverend Christopher Bate

Over the last two years, it has been exciting to discern God's calling for our parish. The process has involved a lot of prayer and listening to God, reading about the history of All Saints' over the last 125 years, and conversations with current and past parishioners. In the early stages of the process the Great Commission Matthew 28: 18-20 become a clear foundation to build on. *"And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* From all this a picture started to emerge that at the heart of All Saints' is to Nurture and Equip Disciples to know Christ and make Christ known, and this is evident through the ages with a rich heritage of disciples entering the mission field and ordained ministry.

From here we received more feedback through conversations, the "Preparing for our future" booklets, as well as planning days. This document is a collation of all this information and sets out how we plan to fulfil our mission to Nurture and Equip Disciples to know Christ and make Christ known.

The Bible is clear that God gives the growth, and yet he marvellously uses us in that work. We need to be strategic as disciples of Jesus, making the most of the resources and opportunities God has given us and will continue to give us in the future. As well as being open to the Holy Spirit that refreshes us and guides us to new opportunities. I pray that we as a parish will embrace this mission as we join with God in Nurturing and Equipping Disciples to know Christ and make Christ known. May God richly bless our mission for his glory.

Yours in Christ
Rev'd Chris



FROM THE BISHOP

Bishop Cameron Venables

Over the last eighteen months the Diocesan Leadership Team and Diocesan Council have been prayerfully working together to discern greater clarity about what God is calling us to be and do. We have listened to feedback from Parishes, Schools, and Anglicare staff and give thanks for the way that God's Spirit equips and enables each of these areas of ministry. But how can we be together 'One Church - One Mission'?

In many ways the Mission of the Church remains as we have previously understood it, and this is well expressed in the 'Five Marks of Mission': *to teach and baptise, and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to seek to transform unjust structure of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth; and to worship and celebrate the grace of God.*

However, the last eighteen months has given new vision and clarity about our vision and values. The Diocesan Vision is expressed in the phrase: *"Flourishing Faith Communities: proclaiming and serving; worshipping and learning."*

It's exciting to see how God's Spirit has led the Parish of Booval to a similar vision in which people can flourish in Christ through the identified pillars of *'Worship; Nurture; Equipping; and Service'*.

How do we nurture the faith of those who already part of the Parish? How do we help them discern their gifts and make opportunity for those gifts to be used in ministry? How do we equip people to share their faith in their places of work and leisure? How do we share and nurture the faith in the lives of young families and their children? And, how do we care for those in our community who have need, and partner with others in this work?

Five foundational values have been discerned and we hope that these will come to characterise the culture of our Diocese. Not surprisingly the first is that we be **FAITHFUL** (steadfast in our love for God and each other, and steadfast in purpose to undertake God's mission). Further that we be **IMAGINATIVE** and **CREATIVE** (intentional about reforming culture and traditions in God's world).

That we be **COURAGEOUS** (willing to risk new things and where necessary make bold decisions). That we be **AUTHENTIC** (genuine and confident in our faith and able to share what we believe as followers of Christ). Finally, that we be **COMPREHENSIVE** (welcoming and respectful of a broad range of ideas, and open to dialogue and learning).

I think in God's grace the Parish of Booval is already faithful and authentic, and I have a sense that in the new chapter unfolding God is calling the Parish to new missional opportunities that will need **imagination, creativity, and courage...** May God bless you in the exciting journey that lies ahead.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Cam



**I can do all
things through
him who
strengthens
me.**

Philippians 4:13

MISSION PLAN

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A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you.
(John 13:34)

A photograph of a church service. The congregation is standing in wooden pews, facing the altar. A priest in green vestments is visible at the altar. A large screen displays a prayer. The church has a brick wall and a white ceiling with pendant lights.

**We love to
worship the
Lord, to give
thanks and to
know him
more.**

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come before
him with joyful songs.*

Psalm 100:1-2

WORSHIP

By the grace of God, over the next four years we plan to build up our parish as a worshipping community. By building on the biblical teaching foundation of past generations, creating a place where people feel grounded in their faith, and where there is engagement in the scriptures, worship, and reverent and joyful celebration of the sacraments.



Strategies

- Parish prayer days where we pray for our parish, our community, the world, and God's mission.
- Worship that encourages families, children, young and old people to participate in and serve our community together.
- Creating spaces for those who do not yet know Christ can get to know him.
- Focus on preaching that explains the bible and proclaims the Gospel.
- A place where people are grounded and form a foundation in worshipping God.
- Build a contemporary style of worship that is grounded in the Anglican tradition.
- Develop greater skill in using online tools to nurture faith in Christ and build community
- Grow our capacity in music ministry'

A photograph of a church service. A priest in a white and purple vestment is standing at the front, facing a group of people. Some people are standing and some are seated in wooden pews. The background is a brick wall with a window showing trees outside. A semi-transparent purple box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

**We are a
nurturing and
caring
community
that shows
God's love**

*A new commandment I give unto you, that
you love one another; just as I have loved you.
John 13:34*

NURTURE

In God's love, over the next four years we plan to work together to nurture the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our community. By growing our pastoral care team, developing a pastoral database, and exploring how we can care for the wider community, reflecting the work of the Gospel in loving, nurturing, and supporting one another.



Strategies

- Build a pastoral care team to provide Home communion to parishioners and equip people for pastoral care.
- Implement a pastoral care database program e.g. Elvanto.
- Build a prayer chain group to support parishioners in times of need.
- Explore ways to care for lonely and disadvantaged people in our community.
- Provide social events to build and deepen relationships.
- Develop a clear process for welcoming and supporting newcomers. E.g. welcome packs, welcome dinners.
- Develop an Stewardship Team: responsibility for caring and maintaining what God has given us.



We equip disciples to know Christ and to make him known

*We ask God to give you complete knowledge
of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom
and understanding ...to produce every kind of
good fruit.*

Col 1: 9b -10

EQUIP

By the wisdom and knowledge of God, so we may know Christ more, over the next four years we plan to establish new small groups, grow our kids and family ministries, and provide resources, that grow disciples of Jesus, who are encouraged, have a desire to learn and a heart to make Christ known.



Strategies

- Start one new small group each year.
- Train up new leaders.
- Provide educational resources, Learning opportunities and programmes for deepening and exploring faith and the Gospel.
- Equip families to read the bible, and pray together.
- Grow our kids church and family ministries.
- Run bible based study series and parish wide seasonal studies.
- Equip small groups to engage in weekly bible study and prayer for the world and one another.
- Run 'Intro to Christianity Programs' for those beginning their Christian journey.
- Build confidence to share our faith.



**We love to
serve because
Christ came to
serve**

*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life for many.
Mark 10:45*

SERVE

Following Christ's example to serve and not be served, over the next four years we plan to establish partnerships with community organisations, build on existing relationships and seek opportunities to engage in our community and world. By encouraging one another to engage in service and explore areas of vocation, and caring for our local community and beyond.



Strategies

- Build a Parish Mission team that promotes mission locally and over seas.
- Establish partnerships with community organisations and ecumenically.
- Build on our relationship with Anglicare, and seek ways together to serve the community.
- Seek opportunities to be witnesses and minister to our community.
- implement succession planning for key positions with in our parish.
- run kids holiday programmes, that reach out to our community.
- Small groups participating in community service and outreach activities together.

To make this Vision a reality so that we can build God's Kingdom we need:

Prayer — Prayer underpins everything we do. We need to come to God with thanksgiving and praise for God's work in our midst and pray that as we partake in God's mission he will grow us all as disciples of Jesus who are nurturing and equipping more disciples and each other, to know Christ and make Christ known.

Priest — Is to be the shepherd: to care for, protect and guide our church. To remind our church whose they are and who they are, as the ones Christ has chosen and sent, and to remind our church of the tasks Christ has sent us to do. Through prayer, by teaching all that Jesus taught, and to help equip and resource people to learn the skills and find the ways to be the people Christ has called them to be. Has the responsibility for leadership in the church by leading vision and strategy, developing our staff, wardens and council, and generally oversees the life of the church.

Family, Youth and Children's Minister — Oversees and seeks to grow all our family, youth and children's ministry across the parish such as Family days, explore connections with schools, holiday kids' clubs, youth service and studies. Seeks out and trains up leaders, oversees curriculum, disciples existing and new families, youth and children and creates evangelistic opportunities.

Administrator — Provides administrative and secretarial support to the priest, staff and teams. Oversees production of materials for services, is responsible for our cloud-based database, manages all baptism, funeral and wedding administration, oversees communication, assists in finances and admin archiving.

Ownership — This is the result of the feedback from conversations, the “Preparing for our Future” booklets, as well as planning days. So this is our mission. We need to embrace it, own it, pray for it, work for it and give to it. Everyone of us needs to prayerfully discern our part and encourage and support everyone else as we seek to nurture and equip disciples to know Christ and make him known.

Growth — The Christian Faith is a life-long journey of discovery and exploration. Being a disciple means “one who is learning, a student.” Commitment to an ongoing journey of faith formation and spiritual growth in yourself and to journey with others as they grow

Serve — God and one another, as individuals and as a church. We are the witnesses of God’s grace. Each of us has a gift to serve the parish and the world.

Connection —A community is not individuals. Our relationship is with God and one another. We find strength in each other as the body of Christ as we deepen our relationships and display our values of Worship, Nurture, Equip, and Serve

Generosity —An expression of thanksgiving to God who blesses us abundantly is the commitment to give of time, talents and treasures. We need to be independent in supporting our daily operations, so we can grow and serve our community more fully, spreading the gospel and nurturing and equipping disciples to know Christ and make him known.

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." (2 Corinthians 9:7)





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"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing 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