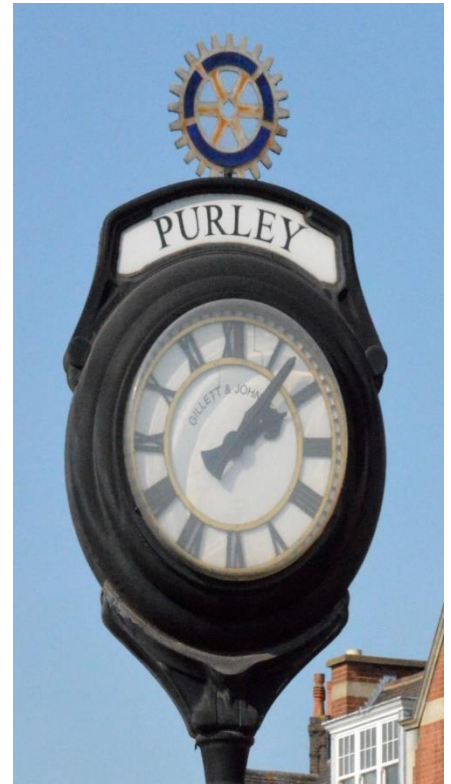


COMMITMENT 2025

CHRIST CHURCH
PURLEY

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**CHRIST CHURCH
GIVING BACK TO
GOD FOR HIS
GLORY:
COMMITMENT 2025**

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD: PLAYING YOUR PART

Our vision as a church is to

MAKE PASSIONATE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST

To do this we are focusing on the people of God making Christ known in loving service, sharing our witness and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, through pastoral care and social action as well as taking seriously our commitment to steward creation.



God has prompted in us an ambitious plan to make as many new disciples as there are currently in Christ Church – that is to **double**.

We also aim to be a church that is intentional in being an inter-generational family that values the contribution of all ages and seeks ways to bless one another.

We believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and communities through the ministry of the people of God.



We are therefore entering a period of **investment**:

- **In people** – by equipping the saints for service
- **In staffing** – to lead and guide the mission of the church especially to the 0-18's
- **In the buildings** – to serve our community and to worship God

How can I respond? Commitment 2020-25



All members of Christ Church are invited to review **at least one** of your discipleship commitments each year until 2025.

2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025

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For some that review will mean putting something down. For others it may be responding to a call to take something up or to do things differently.

Reviewing our commitment to give back to God is a good thing to do each year.

Here are **three areas** in which each one of us can respond:

- **Discipleship (Growing)**
Prayer in the power of the Spirit
- **Ministry (Serving)**
Willingness to serve on a team that serves others
- **Mission (Going)**
Sharing your story

1. Discipleship (Growing)

Prayer in the power of the Spirit

Prayer is a conversation with God. There are many commitments to prayer that we can make. Joining corporate prayer such as Morning Prayer; setting aside time to spend with God; praying in tongues; training for prayer ministry; exploring new ways to pray amongst others.



Being equipped

Going on internal or external courses; being mentored; learning from doing; asking for gifts from God; bible study; going deeper with God.

Financial Giving

It is good to review the amounts given to the church each year; are we giving our first fruits to God?

Sabbath or sabbatical

As we review our commitment we may need to look at times of rest – is it enough or are we just getting busier? What is right for this season? What is right for this time of life? Maybe we need to consider a sabbatical – for a well worked field needs to lie fallow occasionally to continue to bear fruit.

Joining or leading or hosting a House Group



Gathering together outside of Sunday is good for fellowship, pastoral care, bible study and potentially mission. If you are not in a House Group, think about joining. If you are in a group, could you help in yours or maybe lead or host a different one?

2. Ministry (Serving)

Willingness to serve on a team that serves others



There is lots going on at Christ Church and no shortage of opportunities to serve with others (or change direction after years of service!)

Discerning call

Asking God where and how he wants you to serve.

Asking for spiritual gifts

We should not rely on the gifts that we currently have but ask God for the gifts he wants to give us to equip us for what he calls us to.

Developing and using those gifts

We receive gifts to be used for service and to build up the church. Maybe we need to step into actually using gifts.

Gifts of the Spirit



3. Mission (Going)

Sharing your story



Everyone has a story of their relationship with God. Maybe you need to develop your story or gain confidence to share it with others.

Evangelism

Sharing Good News, talking to people about the gospel and inviting them to know Jesus.

Apologetics

Developing the gifts and knowledge to be able to answer people's questions and doubts.

Social Action

Helping to identify, set up and run activities for those in need, to campaign for justice and to promote stewardship of creation.

Pioneering and planting

Helping to identify, set up and establish Fresh Expressions of church in a different place, at a different time in a different way in Purley.



YOUR COMMITMENT....

To review **at least one of these commitments** for each year the next 6 years.

THE DIFFERENCE YOUR COMMITMENTS WILL MAKE IN BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

The Christ Church Vision is made of Kingdom outcomes:

By 2025 Christ Church will have:

- Become more of a family
- Deepened in discipleship
- Shared the gospel
- Made new Disciples
- Fed the hungry
- Healed the hurting
- Loved the outcast
- Transformed our community
- Worshipped God in the power of the Holy Spirit
- Glorified God

What will my commitment achieve? It will be fruitful

Our individual commitments will bring glory to God and growth in His church and the Kingdom of God and help to transform Purley.



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