

Church Meeting

23rd November 2017

Looking Back - Vision Sunday

The Market Place

- Being a witness outside the walls of the church
 - Finding your 'allotment'
 - Being equipped
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- Tell us your stories
 - What would you rather people did not ask you?
 - Can you help us equip others

The Bridge

- The Hub – The place where the whole family meets
- Hive of activity
- A light in the community

We are going to focus on this section for the main part of the evening

The Fellowship

- It's the people who bring life to the church
 - Church family expressed through church membership
 - The Leaves as part of your declaration
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- Knowing who we are caring for
 - Pastoral Care - everyone caring for one another
 - Relationships within a small group of people

How we care in SCF:

Love one another

- Home groups - aim to provide a more intimate community where a group of people can share their faith and lives together
- Pastoral ministry
- Mentoring opportunities - going deeper on 1:1 with supporter
- The Discipleship Journey programme

“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples - if you love one another”

John 13:34-35

Communicating with family

- *Impact of the Data Protection Act&*
- *-General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): 25May18*
- *Agreement to hold your name&contact details; and,*
- *to use that data for specific purposes e.g.*
- *- the directory; and,*
- *- defined distribution lists (news letter&news flash).*
- *We need your specific written approval e.g. before we can include you in the directory -**expect a letter / email early in 2018***

Church Weekend Away

- For everyone;
 - Spring / Autumn 2018;
 - Friday evening through Sunday lunchtime;
 - Location TBA
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- Purpose
 - to deepen our relationships within the family
 - fun, relaxing, learning, going deeper together
 - mixed age ranges doing things together as well as within age appropriate groups
- Key note speaker

“Making memories together”

Developing Key Areas in the Church

How we care in SCF

- People in SCF have a heart to care for one another, and for others.
- Our activities reach both Christian and non-Christian's.
- We want to see needs met and people set free through Jesus

- Develop a ***Centre of Care in the Community***
- Work along-side the activities of the church
- Reaching out, to meet people in their place of need

- Everyday needs and common challenges
- Kingdom focus:
 - Meeting the initial need
 - Giving people an opportunity to walk with us further

Pathway to church, Journey to Christ

- A pathway to walk along towards SCF

Through building relationships

- People journey towards Christ

As the Centre develops it will become one of the primary places SCF engages in evangelism

Next Steps

- Continue to develop our thinking around *The Centre*
- What current activities might form part of the centre
- Identify the pathway from 'centre' to 'church'

Prayer Points

- Prayerfully discern the specific community needs God is leading SCF to develop.
- Relationships in the community would grow
- People would come to know Christ

Reaching out to Reception-age Children

The Need

- Stay and Play is very popular outreach, but we lack a suitable group for children to progress to
- We lose contact with families when children start school.
- Children sign for groups outside of SCF

We loose contact with children and their families

The Vision

- To offer a new group that focuses on reception-age children
- Maintain relationship with parents and carers formed at Stay and Play
- Children will continue on a pathway with SCF to other midweek groups and also get to know about/attend other seasonal events

Next Steps

- Understand the staffing requirements for this group and how we might structure that
- Gather people with a heart for outreach to make the most of this opportunity
- Work out detail for this new group.

Prayer Points

- We make the most of the opportunities to reach out.
- Through relationship, people will get to know Jesus and whole families will be transformed
- People with a heart to reach others will themselves grow through serving in this area.

Disciplining school leavers

School leavers (age 16-18)

The Need

- Challenging time when some areas you are an adult, others a child
- Rightly or wrongly, education is difficult and a stress
- Start to become independent - needs are more specific
- SCF does not currently have that specific approach

Our Vision

- An accessible & relevant Christian community outside of college/work
- Investment in relationship over programmes
- Group and 1:1 settings
- A specific International mission experience
- Developing foundations for post 18

Next steps

- Hey school leavers, what's going on?!
- Explore & develop resources
- Widen the team

Prayer Points

- School leavers have courage to choose church
- Young people at university would stay in The Church
- Relationships at that age would strengthen

Men's Ministry

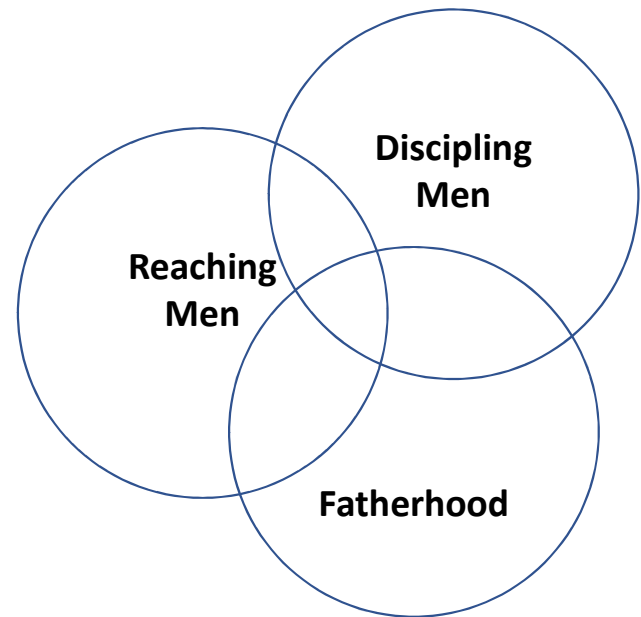
The Need

- Men have so much to give – We need their input in The Church
- Men are leaving The Church at an alarming rate
- We want our men to grow strong as followers of Jesus
- We want to see the men of SCF be strong role models

Our Vision

- To strengthen men's walk with Christ
- Building relationships with one another
- Men become followers of Jesus through building relationships with others

'The right activities and initiatives'



Next Steps

- To respond to those who have shown an interest
- To begin to build plans and activities ready for Mar/Apr18

Prayer Points

- Friendships will be formed & strengthened
- Relationship with Jesus would grow
- Men would come to know Christ

Ministry to the Elderly

The reason we are focusing on this area

- God has called us to: 1 Tim 5 – put our religion into practice by caring for our family
- We are a church family which includes all ages
- Our own SCF demographic with increasing needs
- Shirley has above average amount of people over 65 – this will only increase with the building of retirement apartments
- The increasing challenge in society for older people to live full and rewarding lives with meaningful relationships
- We are already involved in this and can strengthen and develop what we have

The vision we have captured

- We are poorer for not developing relationships amongst the whole age range (especially much younger and older people)
- Older people can offer so much to the whole church family and we can release this
- Within SCF there are increasing needs for some older people
- A specific Pastor for this ministry area

Key actions happening in next few months

- Identify people who God is calling to join in this vision and what God has put on their heart
- Identify someone who God is calling to head up this ministry
- Explore using part of the surplus to develop and extend what we already have eg advertising , training, buying resources.
- Strengthen links with the wider Shirley community and church community to identify and meet need in the area

Prayer points

Pray for:

- God to move our hearts according to His Spirit
- Wisdom to develop and extend what we already have and see God's new opportunities in this area
- To develop a team who can work and support each other in this area
- His appointments and connections with the wider Shirley community

Prayer

'Prayer lays a pathway for Jesus to walk upon'

Examples of Declarations (preaching the gospel)

- We declare that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- We declare that the gospel of Jesus Christ will be spoken out with boldness, with confidence and in faith.
- We declare that SCF will demonstrate the gospel in its actions and words.
- We declare that we have not been given a spirit of fear, but power love and a sound mind.
- We proclaim a time of preparation of hearts to receive the Living Word of God that leads to salvation.

Examples of Declarations (Children and young people)

- We declare that there are no accidents and that every child of young person that sets foot in this place or has contact with us has an appointment with You.
- We declare that this is a place where they can encounter you and Your truth - that seeds will be planted and bear fruit.
- We proclaim God's kingdom come and His will be done in this church and community and young people.
- We declare that the Bridge will be a safe space for all children and young people.
- We declare that age is no barrier to acting in God's will and demonstrating His faithfulness to those who do not know it.