



# East Redland

ANGLICAN CHURCH

## Mission Action Plan 2023-2026

### Vision

A just world shaped by the love of God

### Mission

To make disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing the love of God

### Mission Planning Goals

Our Vision will be shaped by attention to four areas:

*Worshipping, Proclaiming, Serving and Learning.*

We recognise that we have many strengths, many challenges and many opportunities.

We trust that God will continue to guide us as we journey forward.

**We will shape our life through these aspirational values.**

**We aim to be:**

*Faithful*

*Imaginative and creative*

*Courageous*

*Authentic*

*Comprehensive*

## Worship

### To grow as a Worshipping Community, we will:

- provide worship, which is varied in time, style and focus
- be theologically grounded in the Bible, the best of modern scholarship, and the depth of Anglican tradition
- be open and welcoming; challenging and engaging
- seek to engage the people of our community across different ages and circumstances
- be a praying community in gathered community, in households, in small groups and individually;
- seek to develop and enhance our life of prayer at every level.

### We will achieve these goals in the following ways:

- Encourage and resource Daily Prayer throughout the parish in a variety of forms
- Change our intercession framework
- We will develop our music ministry
- We will continue to develop our aged care worship services

## Proclaiming

### To grow as a Proclaiming Community, we will:

- provide opportunities for new members to have access to introductory courses
- make a commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive church
- seek to proclaim our faith and God's invitation in word through personal invitation and utilising all of the resources available to us.
- Be a friendly, compassionate, inclusive, generous, and open community.

### We will achieve these goals in the following ways:

- We will construct a community Garden
- We will develop ministry for men, women and children
- We will develop more prayer groups
- We will have regular sermon series
- We will continue to support Religious Instruction.



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**We base our life in the acknowledgement that the Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ– to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, that is:**

- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers;
- To respond to human need by loving service;
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation;
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth;
- To worship and celebrate the grace of God; and
- To live as one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We seek to be a ‘flourishing faith community’, inspired by these characteristics:**

- Have Jesus’ mission as expressed in the Gospels at our centre.
- Be active in making new disciples.
- Have porous boundaries welcoming all to come, see and belong.
- Reflect the make-up of our surrounding community
- Be sustainable in practices, leadership and finances.
- Be energetically engaged with our local community and the wider world.
- Be intentional learning communities.
- Be always renewing ourselves and our focus on mission.
- Have many effective leaders, both lay and ordained.
- Focus on the whole mission of God.

## Serving

**To grow as a Serving Community, we will:**

- Actively seek to know the needs of the community and to respond in diverse and appropriate ways
- seek justice, reconciliation, peace, sustainability and equality
- empower the congregation to provide pastoral care throughout our parish
- engage in service individually, as households and as a faith community;
- develop and empower a strong lay-lead pastoral care network throughout the parish calling on all available skills and resources.

**We will achieve these goals in the following ways:**

- We will develop, empower and resource a strong Pastoral Care group
- We will foster and equip an outwardly focused, Jesus-centered missional parish culture to respond to local need.

## Learning

**To grow as a Learning Community, we will:**

- provide opportunities for ongoing study and inquiry by delivering learning opportunities online, printed, and in person for individuals, households and groups
- explore diverse levels of theological engagement, from introduction to the faith through to advanced training.
- encourage a lay-lead small group network.
- seek to identify and develop spiritual gifts.

**We will achieve these goals in the following ways:**

- We will develop a small group network across the parish.
- We will lead parish retreats.
- We will develop a range of educational literature
- We will invite visiting speakers
- We will develop a group to discuss secular issues in a theological framework.
- We will develop a book club ministry