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Focus for the next five years:

- placing an overriding focus on each member of the congregation becoming a 'whole-life missionary disciple'
- developing Awake as a key forum for discipling students and local young adults
- rebuilding a sustainable youth ministry
- developing opportunities for better pastoral care and intergenerational mentoring
- developing and diversifying our home groups
- capitalising on the expertise we have for Christian apologetics

Some immediate actions:

- see converts go on to baptism, membership and service
- begin a pilot scheme of mature believers mentoring others one to one
- see more finance and leaders devoted to youth and childrens' work
- agree on the purpose and leadership of home groups



Our vision The focus for the next five years

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Mission is our passion, from local to global

We are committed to being witnesses for Christ in our local context, through loving service and evangelism. Equally we are committed to supporting and participating in world mission.

Focus for the next five years:

- praying for ten conversions each year for the next five years
- creating opportunities for people at different stages in their faith journey to encounter the gospel
- reaching unchurched families with the gospel
- developing evangelistic opportunities to reach men
- developing and integrating outreach to international residents
- resourcing members of the congregation to participate in short- and long-term world mission

Some immediate actions:

- start of an outreach to men
- keep running Alpha courses
- partner with an overseas local church
- effective use of the parish nurse
- more involvement of church with Families First
- see a significant increase in the number of new unchurched families come to Mad Family Fun Time

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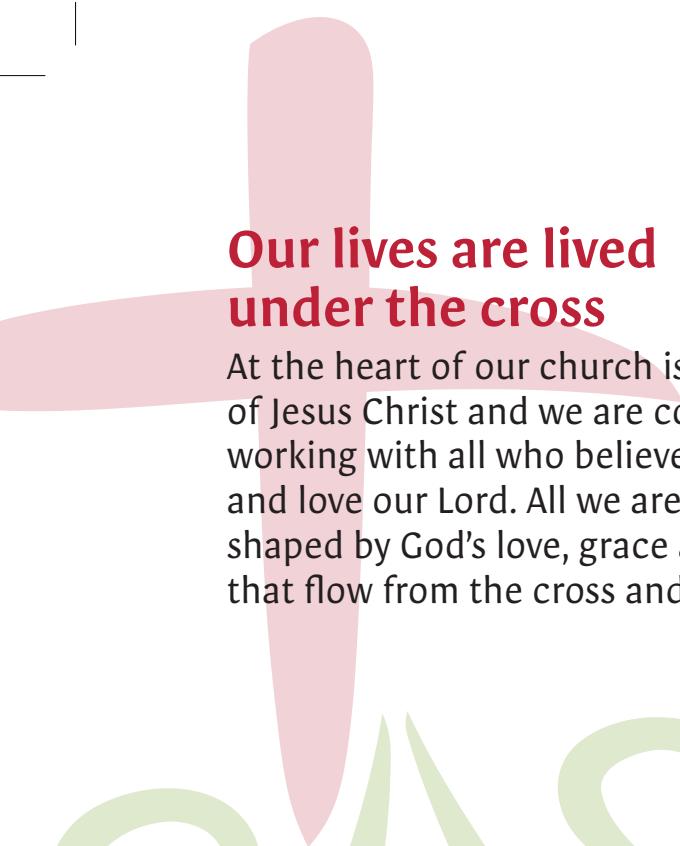
- creating opportunities to deepen our relationships in Christ
- offering worship that is well crafted, is centred on biblical truth and is always expecting an encounter with God
- using our worship as a gathered congregation to resource our witness as a scattered congregation
- developing our personal and corporate prayer life

Some immediate actions:

- train and deploy more leaders for our corporate worship
- develop further a prayer ministry as part of worship
- keep telling stories of God at work
- greater relating before and after public worship

The page spread overleaf draws on elements of our logo to envision the church we believe God is calling us to be and to become.

The second half of the document then considers how we make progress in living out that vision, identifying the particular areas we believe we should focus on over the next five years and some immediate actions we could take towards those.



Our lives are lived under the cross

At the heart of our church is the gospel of Jesus Christ and we are committed to working with all who believe this gospel and love our Lord. All we are and do is shaped by God's love, grace and forgiveness that flow from the cross and is for his glory.



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