

St Aidan's Vision Statement and Strategic Plan

Vision Statement: To live the heartbeat of God passionately by knowing Christ and making Him known in our church and neighbourhood.

We will do this by focusing on:

1. CHURCH

a) Preaching:

- Involvement of preachers in preaching workshops and encouragement to undertake theological study
- Support, training and mentoring for preachers from Enabler
- Supervision, support and mentoring from MST through provision of resources, training opportunities and preaching reviews and assessment

b) Home Groups:

Focus on, support for and development of:

- Pastoral Care
- Prayer
- Training and teaching
- Mission e.g. training in personal evangelism and J AAL programs
- Hospitality
- Spiritual nurture
- Identifying and developing giftings (in association with Home Group leaders)
- Training of and support for Home Group leaders

c) Children's Ministry:

- Review and Development of Sunday Fundays to cater for unchurched families
- Kids For Christ Sunday teaching program
- Establishment of Playgroup/Mother's Group
- Youth Ministry - Launceston Team Challenge in association with Scripture Union
- Quizworx visit in April 2008 (Lisa Chugg) and training day

d) Worship:

- Training and mentoring of worship leaders

- Investigate provision for effective music ministry
- Development of contemporary and creative worship services
e.g. Sunday Fundays

2. NEIGHBOURHOOD

a) Playgroup / Mother's Group:

- Providing fellowship and support for church mums of young children
- Support for baptism couples, young marrieds, links with East Launceston Primary School (ELPS)
- Opportunities for mission through JAAL program
- Training leaders and developing programs through links with Playgroup Association
- Provision of crèche facility for Sunday service

b) Baptism:

- Presentation of Gospel through interviews
- Focused and intentional baptism services
- JAAL program
- Follow up for child and parents through playgroup/mother's group
- Offer Christianity Explained

c) Marriage / Weddings:

(i) Preparation course (The Marriage Preparation Course - Celebrant responsibility)

- Initial contact with church - offer Christianity Explained
- Building relationships with celebrant through regular meetings (at least four meetings)
- Follow up through wedding anniversary activities (e.g. cards) and links with playgroup/mother's group and invitations to church sponsored events
- Invitation to The Marriage Course (follow up course)

(ii) The Marriage Course

- Training facilitators/leaders
- Initial contact with church or follow up of wedding couples
- Offer Christianity Explained
- Pastoral support for married couples in the church
- Support from congregation for unchurched couples through suppers, financing resource materials and prayer

d) East Launceston Primary School:

- Support for and contact with chaplaincy program

- Contact with ELPS prayer group
- Morning teas for staff
- Volunteer help in classrooms
- Playgroup/mother's group link
- Marriage course invitations
- Artists' group workshops
- Exploring opportunities for church/school activities
- JAAL program

e) **The Jesus All About Life (JAAL) program:**

This will provide opportunities for sharing the Gospel as individuals and through corporate church and community contacts

f) **Overseas Mission:**

(i) **Samaritan's Purse**

- Mentoring and pastoral support for Josie Ford as Regional Coordinator of this program
- Congregational contributions to shoe boxes

(ii) **Overseas missionaries**

Active support for: David & Katherine Richards, Anne Marie & Andy Ward, Chris & Lisa (?), Birgit Albers, John & Margaret Cannell, and others through establishment of a missions link position

g) **Artists' group:**

- Establishment of East Launceston Artists Group (initially from the artists in the congregation)
- Encouragement and sharing of creative talents through workshops and other activities
- Connection to be established with the local community e.g. through existing contacts and ELPS
- Further expansion into community through sponsorship of performing and visual arts activities such as workshops, presentation and performances
- Initiating outreach through workshops on specific themes and exhibitions
- Workshop and exhibits with East Launceston Primary students