

# Anglican Parish of Wollongong - Vision 2020

## New Parish Mission, Vision, Values and Goals

### MISSION

(A mission statement is 'a broad brief biblical statement of what an organisation is supposed to be doing'.)

***To know Christ and to make him known.***

### VISION

(A vision statement is 'a clear challenging picture of the future of the ministry as it can and must be.')

***To see more and more disciples of Jesus  
shining as lights in the City of Wollongong.***

### VALUES

(Core values are 'the constant, passionate, biblical, core beliefs that drive the ministry'.)

- A. The centrality of the cross of Christ and his resurrection in our lives and preaching
- B. God's Word, the Bible, as our ultimate authority and guide
- C. Consecutive reading and explanation of the Bible as our basic method of ministry
- D. Prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit
- E. Courageous calling on people to repent and put their faith in Christ
- F. Gatherings of breadth and depth in confession, creed, song and prayer
- G. Loving church communities of contentment and sacrifice, which care for the vulnerable
- H. Globally-minded Christians, connecting with all classes, ages and cultures
- I. Initiative in leadership and use of gifts by members
- J. Equipping current and future generations of disciple-makers for the Illawarra and beyond

### STRATEGIC GOALS

(These goals reference the new diocesan Mission 2020 priority areas, using our 2011 NCLS results as baseline, where relevant.)

*By God's grace, in the spirit of James 4:15, we want to see 700 disciples of Jesus in our congregations weekly.*

1. **Engage:** Respond to the changing face of our society (local factors include: city residential and retail renewal; influx of students and migrants of Chinese and Muslim backgrounds, the 50-70 y.o. Boomer transition to retirement, the growth in health services).
  - a. Primary Goal: to participate in one new church plant from our Mission Area by 2020.
  - b. Secondary Goal: to increase the percentage of our members born in non-English speaking countries from 10% (NCLS 2011) to 20% by 2020.
2. **Evangelise:** Reaching the lost
  - a. Primary Goal: to increase the number of our members reporting their willingness to talk intentionally about their faith from 16% (NCLS 2011) to 22% by 2020.
  - b. Secondary Goal: to increase the number of our members with some involvement in community groups outside the church from 60% (NCLS 2011) to 70% by 2020.
3. **Establish:** Deepening spiritual maturity
  - a. Primary Goal: to increase the number of growth group and youth group leaders from 75 to 105 by 2020.
  - b. Secondary Goal: to increase the number of our members reporting time spent in prayer, Bible reading, meditation at least most days/week from 46% (NCLS 2011) to 55%.
4. **Equip:** train and empower members to exercise their gifts
  - a. Primary Goal: to increase the number of our members reporting their use of gifts at least 'to some extent' from 49% (NCLS 2011) to 60% by 2020.

Version as at November 2016, goal expression adjusted for the 4Es, omitting one obsolete secondary goal.