

2021/22



10 STATEMENTS OF OUR

Mission and Purpose



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Spirituality and Prayer

We will grow in our practice of Prayer and Spirituality, nurturing strength for our witness that God is calling us to do by regularly meeting for prayer, reading and studying the Bible in the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Bible Study groups will happen and we will encourage everyone to part of them
- Prayer Life - Encourage Thursday morning group, Wednesdays at Immanuel and before morning service on Sundays, and 'on the hour' prayers
- Reconnect with our church plant at Sunrise- develop affiliate membership
- Arrange different prayer opportunities, prayer walks prayer market etc. including Sunday morning
- Continue our mid-week traditional communion service- weekly. Labyrinth on the beach.
- Develop our prayer cascade throughout the church
- Develop the music team to lead worship- style. Encourage support of Taize services in other churches.
- Create a dedicated prayer space.

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Identity

Immanuel Church will be a church where every member of the congregation will be able to say who they are, what they do and why they do it.

- New banners/posters are rearranged and up to date including new website
- Notice boards are kept up to date and fresh, TV screens in welcome areas
- The church logo to be used more openly and prominently and
- Networking with hall users and welcoming visitors on Sundays to ensure vision is communicated
- Penguins newsletter to be circulated regularly.
- Develop links with Wessex School of Dance.
- Write new publicity to promote church.
- Welcome packs to new people in 'sold' houses.

03 **Christian Ecumenical Partnerships**

We will be more confident in our identity, valuing the treasures of our tradition, discerning when to seek ecumenical partnerships, and when and how to further unity of the church.

- Continue development of the Southbourne Food Bank~ money management, recipe.
- Involvement with Churches Together in Southbourne & joint services. Good Friday, Christmas, Palm Sunday etc
- Investigate possibilities of joint mission outreach through a shop in the local area at Christmas & Easter
- Support other churches with lay preachers and care
- Promote and deliver 'Hope in the Community Bournemouth' & Prama
- Work with Churches and community to show Southbourne Sunflowers

04 **Community Partnerships**

We will be a church that is more active in the life of local communities.

- Involvement with Puffins(Pre-School) & Penguins (Parent Toddler group) parent and Babies activity
- Develop soft play project. Re establish Sensory room and work with families with autism.
- Assisting schools with assemblies and other activities
- Pramacare outreach & Dementia church development
- DADS programme and Men's programme rethink
- Food Bank and money coaches
- Develop Computer clubs into 3
- Men's sheds, pottery, community cinema x2
- Reestablish community choir
- ASDA Chaplaincy
- FACE programmes Aftercare etc. Develop new ones- music for the mind, French for beginners,
- Southbourne Dementia Action Alliance maintain and develop links

05 **Hospitality and diversity**

We will be a church committed to becoming more welcoming and hospitable and embracing all people equally.

- Inter-generational social meetings – e.g Wednesdays @ Immanuel
- Ladies events- breakfast, film nights, craft.
- Men's night out
- Improving premises to be more "people friendly"
- BAPS- concerts
- Church Social Night each month
- Develop links with Wessex dance school and Line dancing groups
- Explore transport to and from church for those in need
- Develop social befriending through Hope in the Community
- Develop the Jubilate café and associated activity, eg Jazz café, youth cafe

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Evangelism

We will be more confident to engage in evangelism, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom with friends, families and strangers, through story and action

- Teaching for general & personal evangelism in services
- Tell the story, what is the Gospel, with those using the church premises
- Though Messy Church- developing discipleship.
- Holiday club - beach mission and labyrinth on the beach?
- Intentional Alpha style course with new people.

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Church Growth

We will continue to be a growing church with an increasing membership

- Increase numbers by 10% p.a.
- Stewardship teaching regarding giving of time and money.
- TRIO for 2022
- Grow attendance of congregation attending home groups.
- Re energize our youth programme
- Messy Church- re evaluate.
- Alpha for young parents, Christianity Explored type course.
- Pod casts to promote the church
- Create youth post 2021

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Global Partnerships

We will be a church that is an active partner in God's global mission with other churches around the world

- Develop a link with an overseas church- to be decided.
- Develop our link with African Dream- possible visit.
- Be a Fairtrade church
- Support of "Open Doors" work and Tearfund- speaker?

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Justice and Peace

We will be a church committed to peace making and reconciliation that keeps faith with the poor and challenges injustice

- Develop food bank further
- Provide debt counselling and or money matters
- Social use of Internet facilities for people to make claims develop this facility

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The Integrity of Creation

We will be a church that has taken significant steps to safeguard the integrity of creation, to sustain the life of the earth

- To make our building 'greener'
- Seminars on solar panels and green issues.
- Promote and carry out recycling of waste paper, cartridges
- Become a Gold ECO congregation by 2022.