



Ten Statements of our Mission and Purpose 2019/20

1. Spirituality & 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
Support 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- styles Taize?*

2. 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.
Develop links with Wessex School of Dance
Write new publicity to promote church
Welcome packs to new people in 'sold' houses*



3. 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*

4. 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)
Assisting schools with assemblies and other activities
Pramacare outreach & Dementia church
DADS programme and Men's programme
Food Bank and money coaches
Southbourne Community Forum
Develop Computer clubs into 3
Men's sheds, pottery, community cinema
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*

5. Hospitality and diversity:- we will be a church committed to becoming more welcoming and hospitable and embracing all people equally.

Inter-generational social meetings - Wednesdays @ Immanuel
Ladies events- breakfast, film nights, craft.
Men's night out
Improving premises to be more "people friendly"
BAPS- concerts
Church 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

6. 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
Through Messy Church- developing discipleship.
Holiday club~ beach mission and labyrinth on the beach?
Intentional Alpha style course with new people.

7. 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 2019
Grow attendance of congregation attending home groups.
Re energize our youth programme
Messy Church- develop links.
Alpha for young parents
Pod casts to promote the church

8. 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?

9. 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

10. 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 proposed new building 'greener' (Connect2 Project)
Installation of solar panels
Promote and carry out recycling of waste paper, cartridges
Recycle food- develop links with Foodshare.
Become a Gold ECO congregation by 2020.

