

ST GEORGE'S BATTERY POINT

Vision 2023-26

The Light on the Hill

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John 12:46

Dear St George's



Since 1838 St George's has been shining the light of Christ in Battery Point. Our tower was built in 1847 and stands as a beacon of hope over Hobart, drawing people to Christ and pointing us to our Father in heaven.

We trace our heritage through the Anglican church all the way back to Jesus' great commission to his apostles to make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything he commanded us.

Our city sees us as the Light on the Hill. What a wonderful picture, drawing on Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." We can be the light Jesus calls us to be only as we find ourselves in him, the true light of the world. That is who we are.

God has given us a mission in this place. To hold out the light of Christ in a world full of darkness. We exist to draw people to the light of Christ, to see people transformed by the light of Christ, and to send people out, even you and me, to shine the light of Christ.

This vision booklet is the fruit of much prayer and planning in 2023 and builds on our previous vision from 2019. It outlines how we plan to go about that mission and what it will look like to accomplish that mission. We do this trusting Jesus' words that he is with us and he can do more than we can ask or imagine in the power of the Spirit. These plans are only tools. But we pray that God will use them to work through us to grow his church and shine his light in this place for the good of our neighbours and the glory of his name.

Will you join me in seeking to play your part in this vision?

Victor

Our Context

Battery Point is a **village** in the city. It's a place of **transition**. An **affluent** and **highly educated** suburb with academics, students, public servants, politicians and business people close by.

Battery Point can **seem close to paradise** but dip below the surface and, like elsewhere, people live in darkness: relationship breakdown, loneliness, anxiety, **a loss of meaning and purpose.**

"The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned."

Isaiah 9:2

Our Mission

**We exist to see people drawn
to the Light of Christ,
transformed by the Light of
Christ and sent out to shine
the Light of Christ.**



Our Ten Year Vision

In ten years time St George's Battery Point is a vibrant and **welcoming** community of more than one hundred and thirty followers of Jesus who are growing spiritually and being **transformed** to **be a blessing and to testify** to our surrounding community.

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We offer a warm
welcome that invites
people to meet Jesus

... in 2023-26 by ...

1 Establishing a clear, owned and sustainable **vision for our "Big 4" events** as key drawn ministries. (pg13)

Building a more connected church community through **parish lunches** and **working bees** and as we eat and work together.

3 Implementing a clear "**engagement pathway**" with intentional opportunities for faith decisions. (pg14)

Clearly communicating the beauty of Christ and the basics of the Christian faith through our **baptism and confirmation courses**.

transformed

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We gaze upon Christ
growing more like him to
be secure, humble and
generous children of God
in the power of the Spirit

... in 2023-26 by ...

Making Sunday a highlight of the week by creating a culture of **sharing and celebrating how God is transforming us** and is at work in our lives. **1**

Growing and refreshing our **key ministries** and teams to be **purposeful, connected and sustainable**, including through the servanthood pathway. (pg15) **2**

Developing and implementing a sustainable long term plan for **youth ministry**. **3**

Expressing our **prayerful dependence** on God by establishing systems and ministries that facilitate informed and regular prayer. **4**

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We bless others through
our character and service
and testify to God's love in
Christ at work in us and in
his world

... in 2023-26 by ...

1 Being a **people of blessing** to our community, as a church and as individuals.

2 Developing a culture of sharing the good news of Jesus through **providing tools for faith conversations** and by **sharing and celebrating the opportunities** God gives us.

3 Being encouraged through structured and formalised **sharing and celebrating** of the work God is doing through our **mission partners**.

4 Financially supporting the future of St George's as a vibrant presence within Battery Point by developing and implementing **a plan for long term use of our site** and establishing **financially sustainable budgets**.

**Key resources
that serve our ten
year vision**

"Big Four" Event Vision Statements

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes & Soup Night

To offer Christlike hospitality to our local community with a view to introducing them to Jesus.

Easter

To provide a space among the chaos of modern life to contemplate and find hope in Jesus' death and resurrection.

Henry Baldwin Lecture

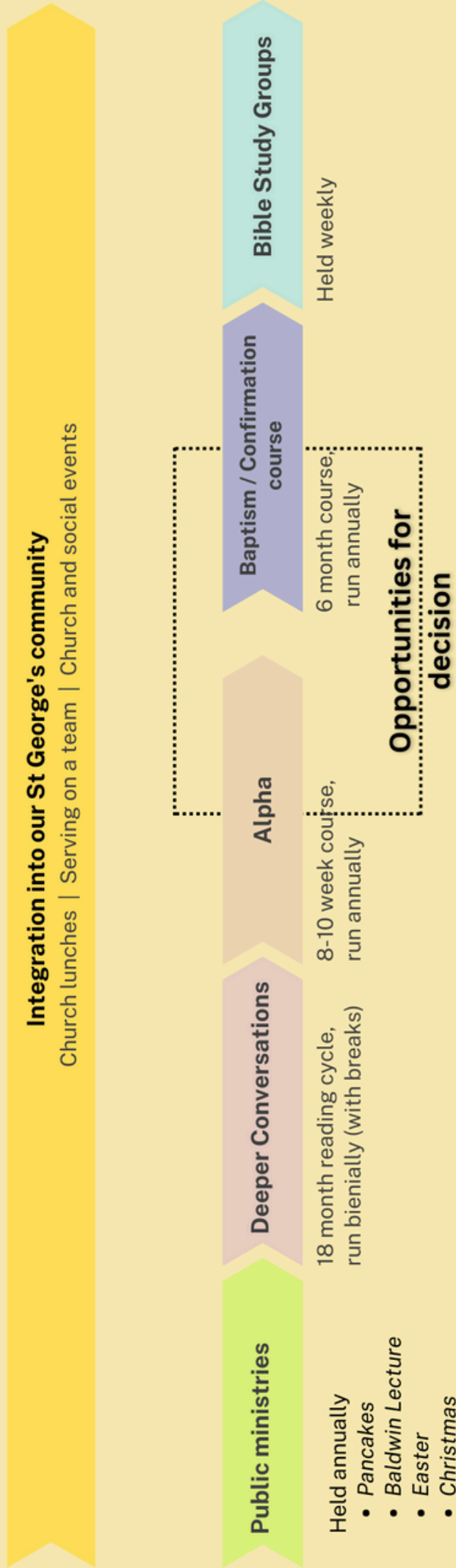
To provide a thoughtful, timely and challenging contribution to public conversation that highlights the contribution Christian theology can offer to build a healthy society.

Christmas

To celebrate the good news of the Incarnation among us and the hope this offers humanity.

St George's Battery Point Engagement Pathway

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SERVANTHOOD PATHWAY

An aspirational plan to help encourage a culture of discipleship and create purposeful, connected and sustainable ministries

"God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body." - 1 Corinthians 12:18-20

Team member

Ministers by using *their own* time, skills and effort

eg. Kids church team member

Developing in:

Character:

Bible study membership

Conviction:

Bishop's Training Day
Cursillo / LIT
Challenge Conference
CMS Summerview

Competency:

Role brief - team member
Shadowing/Rostered with an expert
Regular training (eg. semi-annually)

(God's Big Picture)

Team Leader

Ministers by managing *others* to use their time, skills and effort effectively

eg. Kids Church team leader

Developing in:

Character:

1:1 relationship (mentee)

Conviction:

Challenge Conference
CMS Summerview
PTC Course *
Tas Bible Forums

Competency:

Role briefs - team leader + team leader
Shadowing/partial delegation from co-ordinator
Mental Health First Aid / Preacher's Workshop
Vision 100 MTS Training (bi-monthly)

(Wisdom In Leadership & 1 to 1 Bible Reading)

Leader of Leaders (co-ordinator)

Ministers by managing the *culture, systems and structures* to manage others to use their time, skills and effort effectively

eg. Kids Church Co-ordinator

Developing in:

Character:

Prayer triplet
1:1 relationships with team leader(s) (mentor)

Conviction:

PTC Course / Diploma of Biblical Studies (online)*
MTS Apprenticeship (Diocese supported)
Vision 100 Church Planting Conference

Competency:

Role description
Preachers Workshop
Formal coaching relationship with clergy
Reach Team Pastoring Conference

(Trellis and the Vine)

Investment of time by church member / Investment by staff in support

Connection to operational activities of the ministry

Notes



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