

CHURCH  
17 HILL 88  
ANGLICAN  
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# A Strategic Plan

◆ FILLED by the GOSPEL

*‘...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge  
of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.’*

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# Our VISION

*'...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.'*

~ Habakkuk 2:14

How much of the sea is covered with water?

The answer is simple.

All of it.

100%.

Our vision is God's vision, that the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of God. His glory is shown in Jesus Christ, who *'fills everything in every way'* (Ephesians 1:29).

He wants us to know Christ. And to make him known.

**At Church Hill, we share God's vision. We want what God wants.**

# Our MISSION

We work towards this vision by *'filling the City with Christ's teaching'*.

~ Acts 5:28

Church Hill has two historic locations right in the heart of Australia's biggest and busiest city.

Everyone is here, and they come from far and wide:  
City Workers. Residents. Homeless. Government. Art. Tourism.  
Retail. Hospitality. All here. All in need.  
At Church Hill, we have a mission. It is focused. It is impossible.

But we know a God for whom *'nothing is impossible'*.

**And, as Australian's oldest church, we've been doing this for over 200 years.**





## WE WALK

### *Deeper Discipleship*

Lives filled with the Spirit of Christ

We walk, following Jesus Christ, asking what it means to be his disciples in this fallen world. We obey, when he has commanded. We yield, when he speaks. We choose wisdom, where his will is not known in complex situations. We pray and lament and praise him, being formed into the likeness of Christ.

**Imagine** if each of us was learning, growing, being filled with the Spirit, because we had taken up our cross, following after the One who loved me and gave himself for me.



## WE LOVE

### *Compelling Community*

A Church filled with the Love of Christ

We love each other, asking what it means to be a community of Christ in this fractured world. Jesus said, 'You are the light of the world'; 'You are a 'city on a hill'. We want to express our life together in him. We want to do this, recognising the challenges and opportunities in being a City Church.

**Imagine** if each of us was embedded into community (not just attending on occasion) and demonstrating genuine 'life together' in a miraculous way in this city.



## WE REACH

### *City Gospel Engagement (and beyond)*

A City filled with the Gospel of Christ

We reach into the City with the Good News of Jesus. God has given us these two amazing churches in Australia's most influential city, right next to business, tourism, art, government, music, as well as the homeless. We want to 'fill this City with Christ's Gospel'. We want to go beyond the city, into Sydney and the world.

**Imagine** if we resourced a new push into the City, being more intentionally on mission, with a view to Australia and the World.



## WE MAKE ROOM

### *Presence and Property*

The Earth filled the Glory of Christ

We make room, knowing our properties are beautiful and historic. But they are also not able to cope with growth and change. They are both small properties, with limited space for community, kids and youth ministry. Both could do with renewal and greater 'fit for purpose' in the coming years.

**Imagine** if people who came to our sites could see our church as honouring the past and yet looking to the future: lit up, easier to access, with space for kids and community.

# How will we do it?

## **MISSION GOAL 1: WE WALK**

### *Deeper Discipleship*

- 1.1 Rich Bible Reading
- 1.2 Persistent Prayer Life
- 1.3 Pursuit of Holiness
- 1.4 Gracious Witness

## **MISSION GOAL 2: WE LOVE**

### *Compelling Community*

- 2.1 Joyful Worship
- 2.2 Caring Community Groups
- 2.3 Sense of Belonging
- 2.4 Organised Teams and Organic Serving

## **MISSION GOAL 3: WE REACH**

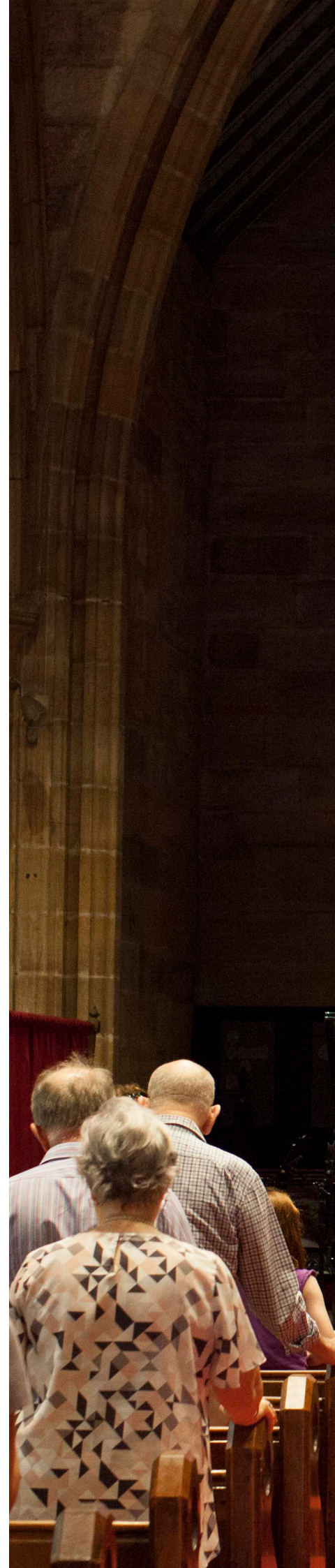
### *City Gospel Engagement (and beyond)*

- 3.1 The Homeless
- 3.2 City Dwellers
- 3.3 City Workers
- 3.4 Wedding Couples

## **MISSION GOAL 4: WE MAKE ROOM**

### *Presence and Property*

- 4.1 Room for more Mission
- 4.2 Room for more Community
- 4.3 Room for more Children and Youth
- 4.4 Room that's attractive and open, and accessible







WHO WE ARE	WALK	LOVE	REACH	MAKE ROOM
MISSION GOALS	<p><i>Deeper Discipleship</i></p> <p>Lives filled with the Spirit of Christ</p>	<p><i>Compelling Community</i></p> <p>A Church filled with the Love of Christ</p>	<p><i>City Gospel Engagement</i></p> <p>A City filled with the Gospel of Christ</p>	<p><i>Presence and Property</i></p> <p>The Earth filled with the Glory of Christ</p>
PRIORITIES	Rich Bible Reading	Joyful Worship	The Homeless	Room for more Mission
	Persistent Prayer Life	Caring Community Groups	City Dwellers	Room for more Community
	Pursuit of Holiness	Sense of Belonging	City Workers	Room for more Children and Youth
	Gracious Witness	Organised Teams and Organic Serving	Wedding Couples	Room that's attractive and open, and accessible

# *‘Culture eats Strategy for breakfast.’*

## *~ Peter Drucker*

We want a healthy spiritual culture at Church Hill. Not just a strategy.

**And we believe that only God can do it.**

Otherwise, our plans would only involve a list of activities only, with dollars signs and staff allotments.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
~ Proverbs 3:5-6

*So we begin simply: We ‘follow Jesus’. We grow ‘in him’.*

By beginning with ‘Deeper Discipleship’ towards  
‘Compelling Community’, we seek growth in Christ.  
And as we follow Jesus together, we will engage in  
‘City Gospel Engagement’, working harder to improve  
our ‘Presence and Property’.

**We invite you to join us.**

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