

Christ Church Hawker Parish Plan 2006

Plan at 15 August 2006

Our Mission

To know God, and to make God known.

Our vision (from our planning day)

Our strengths that we want to retain:

- our 8am Sunday service
- our sense of community.

Where we want to see growth:

- Increased number of parish members especially young families
- More and varied music
- Increased involvement in community service, child care, aged care etc.,
- Branches or satellites: Worship at Ginninderra Gardens continue and establish a new presence in Scullin/Page.

Our Congregation

We have a faithful, hard-working congregation.

Our congregation is gradually aging and gradually declining in numbers.

Our debts are paid off. Energy can now be devoted to growing and expanding the congregation.

Our Community

Our parish takes in Hawker, Weetangara, Page, Scullin and southern Florey.

The local suburbs are showing signs of regeneration offering much potential. Over 30% of the houses in the parish have been sold in the last 5 years. This accounts for some of the drop in church attendance but at the same time offers opportunities.

There is a generational change underway in the residential community which has not yet been seen in the parish community. This provides a major opportunity for generational change in the church community as well.

What we want to keep doing

Worship

We want to continue and grow our existing services:

- our 8am and 10am Sunday services
- our 10am Wednesday service
- our Friday evening café church
- our Thursday services at Ginninderra Gardens
- our Monday morning Men's prayer group.

We want to make greater use of the time between the Sunday morning services. We want to:

- increase the frequency of Sunday fellowship breakfasts between services, and,
- find ways to develop the come when you want, leave when you must "rolling worship" concept commencing with a traditional service at 8am, followed by fellowship and discussion groups at 9am and more contemporary worship at 10am.

Outreach

We want to:

- continue to collect for Anglicare (St John's Care) using the church collection box and through a presence at the Hawker shops,
- keep running Alpha for available participants
- continue to encourage chaplaincy in local schools
- develop fellowship and study groups for young families, especially those seeking baptisms
- form a Play Group

Education

We want to continue hosting Education for Ministry.

Pastoral Care

We want to continue:

- our ministry at Ginninderra Gardens
- our other practical forms of pastoral care including Telecare and the birthday card ministry.

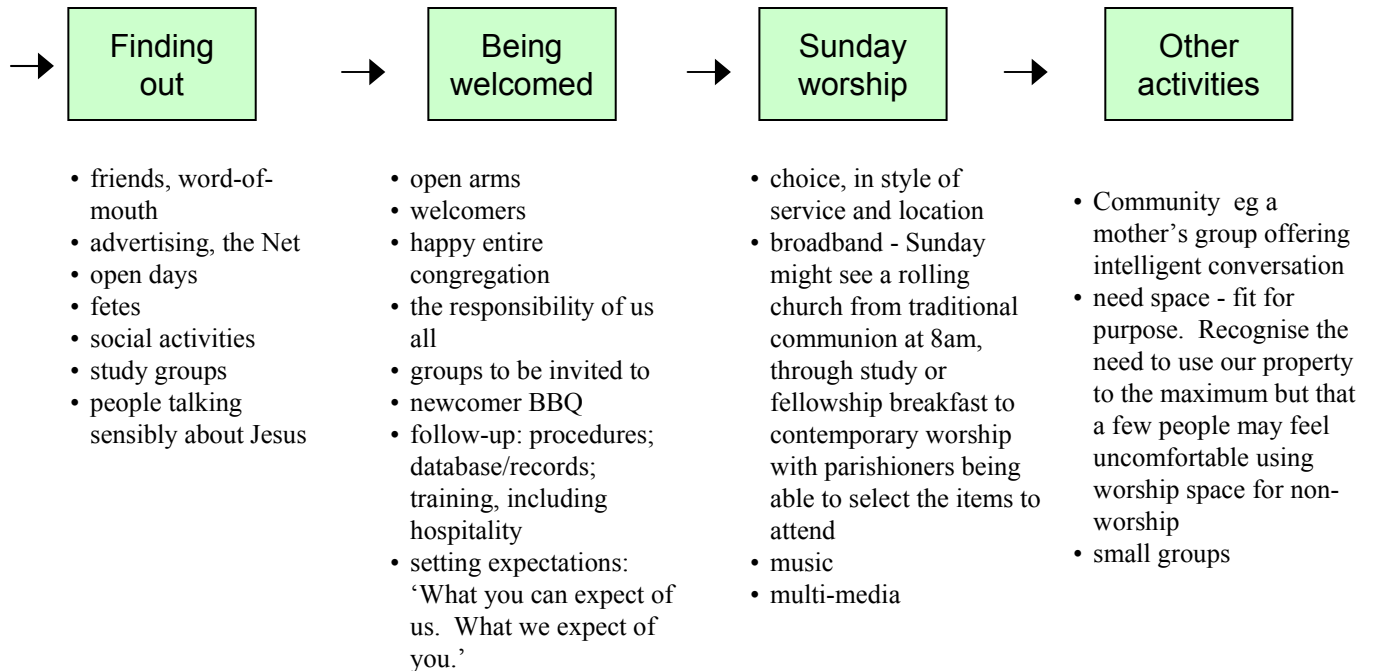
Material Resources

We want to continue:

- the generous giving through envelopes
- the high standard of gardening, cleaning and flowers
- holding an annual fete
- developing concepts for building extension.

What can I do?

The parishioner experience of 2011



Seven steps we can take in 2006

	What?	How?	Who?	When?
1	Understanding the needs of our community	Thoughtful questions and listening	All of us	Throughout the year
2	Rolling Sunday worship. Offering 9am activities and making 10am service more contemporary.	Breakfasts and other activities	Roster	Already begun
3	Gifts discernment process for parishioners. A preparation for equipping God's people in line with their gifts.	Seminar with questionnaires?	Colin and others	Later in year.
4	Greeting program: Training more parishioners as greeters. Following up new visitors, including special events ..	Training at 9am Sunday sessions. BBQs	TBA	Later in year.
5	Ministry for children	Children's corner in church	Joy Dundon	Already set-up
6	Baptism follow up	Invitation to special annual service	Hazel Oliver	Sept/Oct
7	Prayer triplets	Meeting weekly to pray with two others	Judy Lark	June

Other ideas: Web-master, small groups