

A “Big Picture” vision for St George’s Church:

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Aspect of worship:	CALL	CONFESSION	CONSECRATION	COMMUNION	COMMISSION
God renews covenant as:	God gathers us <i>We are summoned as Christ’s people together so that he might serve us in our gathered worship.</i>	God cleanses us <i>We confess our sins, trusting in the death of Jesus for our cleansing. We hear his word of forgiveness.</i>	God speaks and transforms us <i>The Word of God, read and proclaimed, cuts us up and transforms us to be like Christ.</i>	God feeds and unites us <i>The Lord’s table is a joyful feast where the family of God are fed and united as one body.</i>	God sends us <i>We don’t ‘leave church’. As church we are sent by God back into the world as servants and witnesses.</i>
Old Testament pattern of worship:	We are the temple of God	Sin offering	Ascension offering	Peace offering	We are light to the nations
Reminder of the Christian life:	Baptism	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification	
Old Testament history:	Like Abraham, we are called out of the world so that we might be a blessing to the world.	As in the Exodus, we are saved by the blood of the Lamb of God and brought to God for re-creation.	We are PRIESTS receiving instruction from our Lord We listen with our EARS	We are KINGS sharing the joyful meal of our victorious King We receive with our HANDS	We are PROPHETS sent to remake the world by word and witness We go with our FEET
	<u>We gather because:</u> We BELONG to God our Father We’ve been BOUGHT by the blood of God the Son We’re being BUILT into the temple of God the Spirit.	<u>We look to:</u> the Father who DEFINES right and wrong the Son in whom we are DECLARED righteous the Spirit who makes us DESIRE good and hate evil	<u>Through God’s Word we:</u> LISTEN as our Father speaks to us LOOK to Jesus, the centre of all the Scriptures learn how to LIVE in step with the Spirit	<u>At the table we:</u> REJOICE in our adoption as sons and daughters of God RECOGNISE one another as members of Christ’s body are REASSURED by the Spirit of our future hope & inheritance	<u>We go into the coming week:</u> SENT by the Father to our specific situations & vocations SPEAKING the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ SERVING the world in the power of the Spirit

Areas of church life to focus on:	Prayer	Song	Word	Table	Partnership
	In all of life, including worship, the grace of God comes first. Prayer recognises our constant dependence on him. In all matters we pray before planning.	Saved people are singing people. Robust, joyful singing is a powerful witness and encouragement. We need to improve our singing.	We need to be <i>hearers & speakers</i> of God’s Word in daily life. Can we speak the gospel to our friends and family?	God makes us a hospitable people. We need to share life (and our tables!) with those outside the church family.	Our vocation is not a solo mission. We support one another in our Monday-Saturday obedience. We partner with other churches.
Prayer:	“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name” We gather as a people because we pray “our” Father. We have been given God’s name and we seek his glory.	“Thy kingdom come” It is in God’s kingdom that sin and death are overthrown. “The kingdom has come, so repent and believe” said Jesus.	“Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” In our worship we have ascended into heaven (up the mountain) and now God teaches us his will and his word.	“Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses...” Communion brings bread and forgiveness together. The cross forms a people of forgiveness.	“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil” because we have a battle ahead. “For thine is the kingdom...” we do not go alone into the world.
Some signs of health:	Regular attendance Preparation before worship Warm fellowship & welcome Children glad to be present & ready to be involved in the service	Humble awareness of sin Willingness to be open with others Aware that obedience is counter-cultural Joyful sense of freedom & praise	Engaged listening to the sermon Growing love for Jesus Christ Hunger for God’s Word Hearty singing, prayer & liturgy Generous giving (tribute offering)	Lord’s Supper is joyful, celebratory Commitment to sacrificially love one-another in church family Our homes & tables are opened up Confident of our resurrection hope	We pray for & support one another in our life, vocation & witness We know areas of need & how we can serve our community We often speak of Jesus & church

Teaching and Training Outline

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Before each session:	<p>Luke 5</p> <p>What do you learn about the reason Jesus came to us? How does following Jesus fit into that plan?</p> <p>What difference does Jesus make to the people he encounters? If the leprosy and paralysis are pictures of our spiritual condition, what are we being told about our need for Jesus?</p>	<p>Luke 23</p> <p>Consider the words spoken about Jesus? What do we learn about his identity?</p> <p>Think about Barabbas and the second criminal next to Jesus. How does Jesus change their situations? How does this show us the meaning of Jesus' death?</p>	<p>Luke 8</p> <p>What do these different incidents in Jesus' life teach us about the importance of his words and teaching? How should we respond to God's word?</p> <p>How do we see Jesus' words changing peoples' lives? How does he drive back darkness, chaos and evil?</p>	<p>Luke 24</p> <p>Jesus, risen from the dead, meets and eats with his disciples. What does he say about the importance of the Bible? He is about to return to heaven: how do Christians 'see' him and recognise him now?</p> <p>What mission / task does Jesus give to his followers?</p>	<p>Acts 2</p> <p>Acts is the second book written by Luke. How does Acts 2 follow on from Luke 24?</p> <p>As his speech ends, what does Peter want to see by way of response? What does this mean for you? How would you describe the life and activity of the early church?</p>
Main passage:	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:1-10	Ephesians 4:11-24	Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2	Ephesians 5:8-21 and 6:10-20
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After each session:	<p>Psalm 95</p> <p>This Psalm calls people to praise and worship God. What are we told about the LORD and our relationship with him? If someone's heart is truly open to God, what will be the evidence (according to the Psalm)?</p> <p>Think about what the Psalm is saying: what it teaches about God, about the LORD Jesus, about the world, about the church. <i>ADD INSTRUCTIONS for Thanksgiving, Confession and Request</i></p>	<p>Psalm 51</p> <p>This Psalm is a model of confessing sin to God, then asking for forgiveness and transformation. Think about the depth and honesty of the confession. Then consider the actions of someone who knows the joy of forgiveness.</p>	<p>Psalm 19</p> <p>This Psalm marvels at the way creation proclaims God's glory. Yet we must engage with the Bible to know what God is like. How does God's word change people? How might these words shape your prayers?</p>	<p>Psalm 23</p> <p>This Psalm expresses trust in the Good Shepherd, through good times and tough times. Despite the enemies, God prepares a table for his people. How does the Lord's Supper help us trust God despite the 'enemies' we face?</p>	<p>Psalm 72</p> <p>This Psalm describes King Jesus and the blessings that come from his reign. The church lives so that the rule of Jesus might be made visible: how does this affect your actions and priorities during each week?</p>
Money:	Church income is the combined income of the church	Will we agree that Jesus' teaching about money is right?	Money is needed to pay for Bible teachers	Money expresses mutual love and support. It enables help.	Money means we can take the gospel to the world.