



*Prayer for our church  
and our vision  
for the future*

## Zechariah 8 v4

*Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with a staff in hand because of great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its street.*

## Our Vision

An extended family, where anyone and everyone is welcomed to a wide range of activities which make them feel at home, and which equip us all to live our lives for Jesus with a shared sense of unity and purpose.

## Our Aim

Building strong relationships with God, each other and our community.



# 1. An extended family...

## PRAY for...

- Families
- Young people
- Older generation
- Those who are ill, bereaved, lonely or isolated
- Those with employment worries
- Our ministers and ourselves as Deacons

## PRAY that...

- We learn valuable lessons from this last year of being physically separated
- We ensure everyone feels loved, valued and involved in our church family



*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

**1 Peter 2: 9-10**

## 2. Where anyone and everyone is welcomed...

- Our welcome group & reception team
- Hospitality – how we welcome people to our building – a fresh approach that connects and builds relationships
- How can we be inclusive and provide good pastoral care?
- How do we reach out and extend our welcome into our community?
- Prayer for residents and local businesses, schools and other churches
- Support for world mission and our BMS contacts around the world



*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*  
**Matthew 10:40**

### 3. To a wide range of activities which make them feel at home...

- Which groups should we re-start?
- How we handle those that cannot or choose not to re-start?
- Refreshing our house groups?
- What new things should we consider doing?
- Prioritising resources – people and finance
- Administration & communication
- How do we connect with other building users and our wider community?
- How do we ensure everyone feels at home and no one feels left out?



*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all*

**Ephesians 4:2-5**

# 4. And which equip us all to live our lives for Jesus

- What shape and form should our regular worship activities take?
- How do we develop our Family worship?
- Exploring the community health & wellness café?
- What does learning & equipping really look like in the 'new' BRBC?
- What are we doing now that needs to change?
- What should we be doing differently in our groups to help people build a strong Christian faith and relationship with God?



*But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**2 Timothy 3:14-17**

## 5. With a shared sense of unity and purpose.

- How do we mobilise & inspire our congregation?
- How can we better integrate the different groups and activities to create a greater sense of unity and purpose?
- How do we create an atmosphere and culture that builds unity within our church?
- What attitudes and behaviours do we want/expect to see demonstrated that will unite us as an extended church family?
- How do we encourage and support people in using their gifts across all aspects of church life – and to live for Christ in their community?



*Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Colossians 3:16-17**