

What are we here for?

- We are a reformed, evangelical, protestant and Anglican church grounded in the bible
- Our **mission** is to take the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to those who don't yet know him
 - Our **vision** is to see 10% of Sheffield in bible teaching, listening and living churches
- Our **values** are to glorify God, reach out to others, build one another up and to send on

Resolve 2020-2025

Our aims and plans for Christ Church Central

What sort of church do we want to be?

We resolve:

- To glorify God alone
- To be a thankful, demonstrating this in prayerful dependence on our Father
- To be freed from fear and anxiety as we set our minds on the risen Jesus, putting our confidence in him and gladly obeying him
- Not to quench the Spirit but to be joyful – joyful in Christ, a joy to our leaders and joyful in one another
- To be a loving, countercultural and public sanctuary where we can be vulnerable about weaknesses, where broken people are welcome and where disagreements and rebukes are managed graciously and for good
- To proclaim and share the whole counsel of God, the Bible, with believers, unbelievers, women, men and children of any ethnicity, culture, background, religion and lifestyle
- To apply the Bible appropriately to the whole of life and to have our identity in Christ



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A church for people who don't go to church

	Long-term plans: what we resolve to achieve by 2025	In the short term what we resolve to do in 2020
Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise finance and redevelop downstairs space at the DQ Centre Learn afresh what it means to be a city centre church: Review our city centre gospel opportunities, working in partnership with others and develop our fellowship and ministries to make them easier to get to from the whole city 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review how we can make our downstairs space more welcoming and comfortable now, e.g. new chairs and enhanced street presence
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, develop and support our administration to be proactive, visionary, professional and responsive Return to having two ministry trainees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint a youth and children's worker Appoint one ministry trainee
Reaching out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage, develop and utilise creative talent in our church family to engage and to express our creative gifts in sharing the Gospel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review our welcome ministry Review our evangelistic strategy to understand our connections and pathways to faith, including recovering Easter as an opportunity for proclamation and witness Recruit a new leader for our mercy ministries
Reaching out and Building up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a strategy to reach out to children and young people using our city centre location, while supporting Christian families as they disciple their own children Increase our involvement with the two university CU's, pioneering new ways of reaching out to students who live in the city centre Review our Internationals ministry, giving it fresh evangelistic energy and purpose in discipleship Faithfully and openly teach what the Bible says about the human race, ethnicity and human identity and promote the welfare of every church member, whatever their ethnicity, gender, social or economic background so that everyone feels welcome, safe and is able to thrive in their discipleship. Suffer as one body when any of our members suffers racism and we will also endeavour to understand and celebrate our cultural and ethnic differences Be an increasingly diverse church family, representative of Sheffield, both in our membership and leadership and be a faithful expression of Christ's body where every member is enabled to use the spiritual gifts God has given them and is encouraged to serve the Lord Jesus 	
Building up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly review and develop our word and prayer ministries so that we continue to mature spiritually and multiply numerically Improve the quality, accuracy and timeliness of all of our communications, including a new church management system (in 2020) Rewrite our constitution and develop and manage policies, processes and procedures to be well-managed, well-run and minimise risk Ensure church culture, practices and policies demonstrate our commitment to safeguarding children, young people and adults Keep developing our sense of belonging to one another 	
Sending on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray and plan for growth, e.g. multiplying the number and diversity of our congregations and work in partnership with others to help, support and be involved with church plants elsewhere Review the number of mission partnerships we have to be meaningful and sustainable Continue to be a faithful and prayerful sending church, and develop and strengthen the process for sending mission partners overseas 	
Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anglican Mission in England: continue to play our part in the development of AMIE's structures and what membership means, to come under the Episcopal oversight of AMIE's bishops and to support other AMIE churches in our shared goals 	



1. Place

- Learn afresh what it means to be a city centre church
- Review how we can make our downstairs space more welcoming and comfortable, e.g. new chairs and street presence



2. Staff

- Improve the quality of all of our communications, including a new management system
- Appoint a youth and children's worker
- Appoint one ministry trainee

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Our resolves for 2020



3. Reaching out

- Review our welcome ministry
- Review our evangelistic strategy including recovering Easter as an opportunity for public proclamation and personal witness
- Recruit a new leader for our mercy ministries



4. Building up – 2020 and beyond

- Review and develop our word and prayer ministries so that we continue to mature spiritually and multiply numerically
- Keep developing our sense of belonging to one another
- Be an increasingly diverse church family, representative of Sheffield
- Review and rewrite our constitution and develop and manage policies, processes and procedures to be well-managed, well-run and minimise risk
- Ensure church culture, practices and policies demonstrate our commitment to safeguarding children, young people and adults



5. Sending on – 2020 and beyond

- Pray and plan for growth
- Work with others to support and be involved with church plants elsewhere
- Review the number of mission partnerships we have
- Continue to be a faithful and prayerful sending church, and to develop and strengthen the process for sending mission partners overseas