

## Our Resources

We are blessed with a very beautiful church that is in superb condition. The hall too is an excellent resource. For the future however we expect to be unable to run all our ministries from these two venues. Three options that have been expressed to increase the accessibility of our buildings and our effectiveness as a church community are:

1. The joining of the church to the hall with a walkway. This would enable comfortable communication between the church and the developing Sunday School.
2. The development of the back of the hall as a playground/bbq area. This would have the flow on effect of being able to offer other programmes, e.g. Music and Movement for Children.
3. The purchasing of a building in which to launch our youth outreach. This would be a family drop in centre, locale, Life Tree Café, Youth and community outreach centre. At present there are three properties available in Wellington St that would suit our purposes. This would give a significant presence and ministry in addition to but away from the church to build credibility and to facilitate community outreach all in one fell swoop. An established ministry in the centre of town offers a "safe place".

*In order to grow the church, and to reach our target of 200 by 2015 it has been identified that we need extra personnel. They must be the right mix, of talents and gifts. In Discussion with the Bishop and Paul Cavanaugh there are at present there are at three couples training for ministry who would qualify.*

## Desires, Dreams and Hopes

1. To reach into the wider community and be a "church without walls"
2. To grow to 200 by 2015.
3. To greatly increase the families and the under-40 age group
4. To be a financially sound parish
5. To be a multigenerational family church, relevant to all ages
6. To be a place where young people are drawn
7. To become more efficient and professional in all aspects of operating as a church (Everything we do is to be done with excellence)
8. This lends credibility to our presence in the Longford community.

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## VISION DOCUMENT

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That God will release the amazing potential of our church family to fulfill God-given dreams as together we extend God's Kingdom



# The Vision: Present and Future



## 2013—

### Where we Are: The Current Mission

- 9am APB Sunday service and coffee
- Wednesday BCP
- Fortnightly BCP at Illawarra
- Weekly Toosey service
- Developing Sunday school
- Hospitality, lunches, dinners
- AMS meetings and fundraising
- Open door on Thursday mornings
- Guild meetings, catering and fundraising for the hearing loop in the Church.

### Confirmations

### Our Stewardship

- Tight financial management of a 'just balanced' budget
- Extensive Church repairs and maintenance
- Management and development of Heritage grounds
- Renovation of Church hall, now a useful and very attractive facility
- Cemetery management
- Buildings in outstanding condition

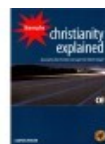
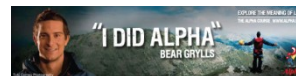
### Recent outreach to the community

- Fete
- Concerts
- Church members involved in local community situations, Helping Hand

## Late 2013 — 2014

### What we Plan: Late 2013 into 2014

- Planning and negotiation for the sale of Perth and Bishopsbourne properties
- Fundraising for audio visuals in the Church, PA for the Hall
- Planning for a walled garden/ play area behind the Hall
- Mission Support for CMS
- 2 marriage courses
- Alpha Course or Christianity Explained
- Planning and development of new small groups for Bible study, pastoral care, hospitality, fundraising etc
- MOPS/Music and Movement
- After school activities, Tuesday Club?
- Men's Breakfasts
- Planning for tree replacement in the grounds
- Macrocarpa carving



## 2014—2015

### What we Dream: 2014 moving to 2015

- With the Sale of Perth property, the following vision and missional initiatives are proposed.
- 2014 *Life Tree Café* either purchase or lease of a main street property for youth ministry and outreach centre
- 2014 Employment of a Curate / Family Ministries Pastor who is to develop and promote the café and youth activities.
- Careful development of contemporary youth service
- Youth group planning in concert with other community initiatives e.g. the Rotary Youth Initiative
- Late 2014 begin planning and development of a new mission to Perth
- Stewardship: With funding available reinstatement of the Trust Funds that have been used for church repairs. 2015 :
- **From the previous initiatives and building on our missional activities we pray that by the end of 2015, through evangelistic activities, our congregation will number around 200**

