Our Vision

As a church our vision is "To build spaces of care, love, freedom, creativity and justice in our community: Sacred spaces where our actions nurture wellbeing, wholeness and human flourishing in Jesus' Name

Our Mission

We seek to build credibility by being 'an undeniable force for good' in our community.

Our Values

- Love
- Community
- Behaviours
- Inclusivity
- Family
- Welcoming
- Heritage
- Theology
- Mission
- Prophetic
- Creation Care

Our Strategy

- <u>Love</u>— we orient principally around the belief that "God is Love" and we reciprocate his love in loving others especially those who, in human terms, are difficult to love.
- Community we value the creation of a meaningful and loving community.
- Behaviours we value the emphasis on humility, generosity and peace.
- <u>Inclusivity</u> we expect to be a diverse community comprising very different people with different ideas and beliefs. This means we seek to be inclusive of differing viewpoints, orientations and lifestyle choices, covenanting to walk with one another as the Holy Spirit brings conviction of how and where change is needed.
- <u>Family</u> We seek to model a healthy family, that can debate, discuss and hold opposing views without breaking faith or fellowship.
- Welcoming we seek to create warm and welcoming expressions of church; We are informal, recognising informality as a good way to help people be themselves; We seek to be non-judgemental, recognising that we are all 'sinners', we all get it wrong and are equally reliant on God's continual grace to us.
- <u>Heritage</u> As Baptists we are value our Baptist heritage as radicals, non-conformists and champions of the freedoms of speech, conscience and worship.
- <u>Theology</u> We are Jesus centred and we understand discipleship as the journey of following Jesus and Lord of our Lives in practical embodied ways.
- Mission This is the acknowledgement that God himself is a missionary, and has always taken the initiative to seek out people and restore relationship with them: It is not that the 'church has a mission', but that 'the mission has a church'. We see mission as foundational to our lives and the purpose of the church. Mission does not exist to 'recruit for the church', but to fulfil the purposes of God as he brings healing, restoration and justice to his world. We anticipate that his mission may be ground-breaking, surprising, disrupting our assumptions and settled paradigms. Therefore we embrace creativity and innovation in our whole approach to, practice and theology of mission.
- <u>Prophetic</u> We believe the Church has a prophetic role, to bring the 'perspective and insight of heaven' to bear on the individual, national and global level. This means we will use our efforts and resources to stand for justice, recognising God's particular heart for the marginalised, poor and powerless. We will work for the freedom and flourishing of people.

•	<u>Creation Care</u> - As a specific expression of this, we focus on the biblical mandate to be wise stewards of creation, and therefore work to promote and enact Creation care.