

St. Paul's Mission & Vision Statements 2012

Mission Statement

'To proclaim Jesus Christ by studying and living the Bible, so that people of all ages may believe, grow in love, and serve him in their lives, to the glory of God'

Doctrinal Statement

The Doctrine (core beliefs) of St. Paul's is the same as that of the Church of England:
"The Doctrine of the Church of England is grounded in the Holy Scriptures and in such teachings of the ancient Fathers [i.e. the three Universal Church Creeds] and Councils of the Church as are agreeable to the said Scriptures In particular such Doctrine is to be found in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordinal [i.e. the duties of Ministry]" Canon A5

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a beacon church consisting of a gathering of people who are committed to following Jesus Christ.

- We believe that a right, saving relationship with God is possible only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- We believe that God's written Word, the Bible, is true and without error and tells us how to know God and live for Him;
- We believe that God has called us to the following priorities at this time and in this place:

Teaching and Learning

We want to see Jesus exalted through Biblical preaching and teaching for all ages, that declares His Lordship over all of life. We acknowledge our own need to grow in Godliness and maturity, so we are committed to learning regularly from the Word of God as a church. We want to apply what God teaches us in holy, practical, daily, living, and an active witness to our society and to the world in which He has placed us.

Prayer and Intercession

We believe that prayer is the foundation of all that we undertake in God's service, and our vision is for prayer to be central to every activity at St. Paul's. We seek to be a praying church, interceding for all the needs of God's worldwide church, our nation, our own church and community, and the needs of all individual members of St. Paul's.

Church and Fellowship

We seek God's grace to become a loving church where all members are encouraged, built up, and strengthened as Christians in fellowship. We desire to demonstrate the truth of the Gospel by our care for one another. We want each member, of whatever age or life situation, to be valued, to understand their calling, and to develop and use the gifts that God has given them, in order to extend the Kingdom of God.

Evangelism and Mission

We believe that God is glorified when the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is faithfully communicated and that it is through the Gospel alone that the Holy Spirit brings people to faith. We believe that it is our privilege and responsibility to be equipped for, and active in, the Great Commission of making disciples of Jesus Christ in Bournemouth, our nation, and throughout the world.