

Vision Document for Pāuatahanui Parish 2021

Vision statement: an enduring community of faith in Jesus that welcomes, encourages and equips

Values: Good News, Community, Transformation, Legacy

Diocesan relationship: we are family, we are disciples, we prioritise the last, lost and least

Our foundations:

Worship and prayer

We seek a culture of participation in our worship services and prayer in all aspects of parish life. We will work to encourage intergenerational participation and leadership and to promote regular rhythms of prayer.

Actions: *promote daily rhythms of prayer and develop teams for preaching and service leading.*

Deepening relationships

We seek a culture of deeper relationships within our parish: between congregations and between generations.

We will work to communicate better between congregations, to offer events that bring us together beyond Sunday gatherings, and to encourage small group belonging.

Actions: *plan seasonal events for joint parish social gatherings and promote small groups as the key to going deeper.*

Children and Young People

We seek to develop teams to support Sunday Explorers and Ignite groups; and to continue to support Noah's Ark.

We will look for opportunities to develop teenage-related initiatives to support our teenagers.

Action: *continue to develop Children and Young People's Team leadership; and connect with Cluster to pool resources.*

Mission

We seek to express the five marks of mission in the life of our parish; and to support local and global expressions of mission.

We will continue to develop ways that Eco Church can be integrated into the life of our parish.

Actions: *Support Eco Church to be further integrated by linking with Vestry; and connect with Porirua-based missional outreach.*

Welcome and Safety

We seek to be a place of welcome to all and safety for all. We seek to welcome newcomers, provide ways of participating in parish life, and proactively addressing barriers to entry.

We will work to integrate accessibility into our parish life, to strive for high safeguarding practices so all are safe in the parish, and safe spaces where people can ask grapple with hard questions.

Actions: we will hold welcome meals every 6 months to help integrate newcomers; and integrate language and policies of Safeguarding into parish life, for example holding an Annual Safeguarding Service.

Pastoral Care

We seek to offer excellent pastoral care to all who live in the Parish and to cultivate a culture of caring for each other.

We will develop the Pastoral Care Team (PCT) to offer excellent pastoral care through training, supervision and spiritual direction.

Actions: Develop broader PCT and ensure all PCT members attend training and supervision

Particular priorities:

Community engagement and communication

We seek closer involvement with our local communities of Plimmerton/Camborne, Pāuatahanui, Pukerua Bay, Paremata and Papakōwhai; with local Ngāti Toa communities. We will work to improve our communication with the community and engagement in the virtual sphere.

We will work to support local community events; to work with Ngāti Toa to honour the Māori relationship with the land we care for; and to lean into opportunities to connect with the Porirua Cluster of Anglican Churches.

Actions: connect with regular local events such as the Big Spring Clean (November), Lamb and Calf Day (November); develop relationship with Ngāti Toa to recognise history of Matai-taua at St. Alban's; and develop better signage

Legacy and Stewardship

We seek to be people who value and care for the land and buildings we have inherited, recognising the beauty of our spaces of worship and the beauty of God's creation in which we gather.

We will work to care for our buildings and land while seeking opportunities to use them to bless others: our neighbours, our community and our Diocese.

Actions: we will work to ensure that the land at St. Mark's can be used for missional purposes and to bless our local community, for example in providing affordable housing, by supporting a Steering Group to liaise with the Diocese in taking this forward; support Eco Church stewardship of our land.