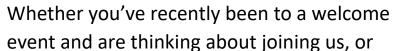




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## Introduction

Welcome to Campbelltown Anglican Churches! We are so glad to have met you and to have this opportunity to think with you about what it means to join us as a member of our church.





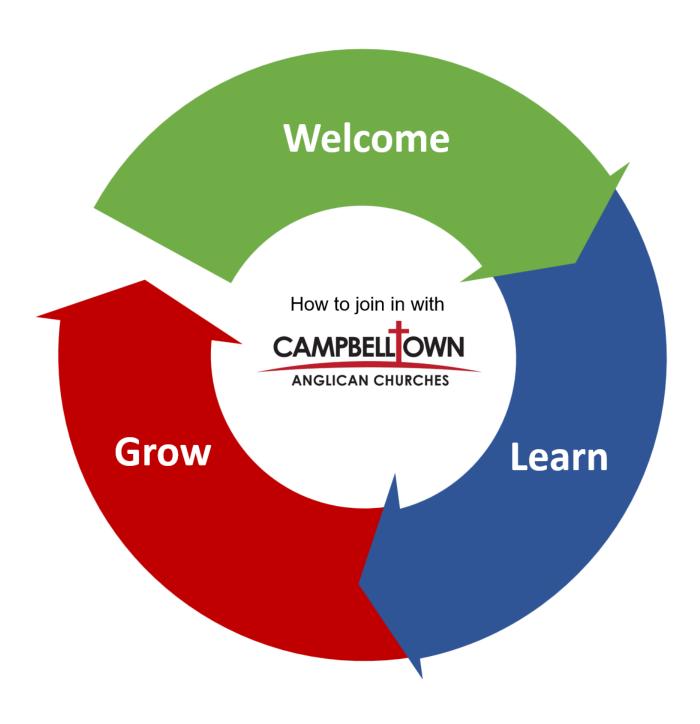
whether you are already connected and just want to think again about membership, this is a self-paced course to help you connect well into the life of our church.

The course contains a range of content, including online videos, for you to read and watch over a few sessions. Along the way we encourage you to take notes and write down your questions in this booklet. It will take between 2-3 hours to work through the course. Once you have finished, we'll ask you to let us know so that we can book in a time for you to meet with a church leader or pastor to work through your questions and your next steps.

Our hope is that as you work through this course that you will be reminded of the high calling Jesus has upon our lives in saving us and calling us to each play our part, like an essential brick in God's eternal building, and that you will be especially excited to join with us in ministry and mission in Campbelltown.

In Christ,

Jason Veitch (Senior Minister)



## Part 1: Your second welcome

More than likely, you have been to one of our welcome events, we've already welcomed you and that is why you are reading this booklet! However, it might have been a while ago, it may have been too much information up front or maybe you didn't want to ask your questions in front of other people! So, in this first part of our Course – let me welcome you again and set the scene for who we are as a church.





**Choose and watch** the 'Welcome to Campbelltown Anglican Churches' video that is most appropriate for you and note any questions you'd like to ask later.

# New to the faith and church?

Click here or scan the QR code to watch.



# Been around churches for a while now?

Click here or scan the QR code to watch.



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Personal Refection
If, very sadly, you were to pass away tonight, why do you think God should allow you into heaven?
This question is important to answer before continuing in our course. People give all sorts of answers about why they should get into heaven. These include: I've done more good than bad; or God is so loving that everyone should just be allowed in; or I'm not really sure; and many more.
However, the Bible is clear about how to we can enter into heaven. It teaches that if we seek to enter heaven any other way than through the forgiveness freely offered through faith in Jesus, then we will not be able to come before God and live (eg. John 3:16).
If you are still working out your answer to this question then we'd love you to let us know so that we can help you to meet Jesus before you continue on in this course.

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## Part 2: Our Vision



Where does our church want to go? What are we praying for our church to be like in the future?

Churches often get very excited about vision and mission statements and spend a lot of time on them. However, the reality is, Jesus has already given his Church a vision and mission in his Word in the Bible. So, as a church we've simply tried to capture that:

#### **Our Vision**

To be a **growing** Christian community devoted to **maturing** in Jesus all for the glory of God.



**Read** the following Bible passages and then **watch** the short video referred to below

**Matt 28:18-20** - Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (NIV 2011)

**Col 1:28** - We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ (NIV 2011)



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Questions to follow-up:	

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#### **Personal Refection**

How do you feel about 'evangelism', the task of proclaiming Jesus to people who don't know him? What excites you and what scares you?

How do you feel about personally growing more like Jesus? Are you open to being changed by God or does it scare you?

Two big mistakes are often made when talking about *growing* through evangelism and talking about Christian *maturity*. The first is to pit the two against each other – which the bible never does. The second is to forget that God made everyone different and whilst we all have responsibility for both tasks, it can look different for each individual person as a whole church works together for Jesus.

Please note anything you'd like to talk with us about later from your reflections above.

# Part 3: Every Member devoted to maturing in Jesus



We've seen how Jesus wants everyone to become mature in Christ. That's an easy thing to say, but it requires the mighty work of God if it is actually going to happen. So, our *Every Member* strategy for Christian maturity is really our prayer for God's mighty work amongst us in specific ways.

## "Every Member" maturity strategy

For God's glory, we want every member of our church to be committed to becoming more and more like Jesus every year. We want every member to be a faithful participant in at least one of our congregations and a member of a congregational growth group. Furthermore, at Campbelltown Anglican we pray for, train, and equip every member to be:

- 1. a minister (or, servant of others),
- 2. a welcomer of outsiders,
- 3. a local and global mission partner,
- 4. a pastoral carer,
- 5. a financial supporter, and
- 6. a disciple-making disciple.



**Read** the following Bible passages and note down what challenges you from each passage.

**Romans 12:1-8** -Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. (NIV 2011)



**Watch** the following video that unpacks our desire and prayer for every member of our church – including you!



Click here or scan the QR code to watch.

Your notes:	
Why should a member be an active participant in a congregation?	
Why are we all to be ministers?	
Why is welcoming outsiders important?	
Why support mission?	
Who does the pastoral care in church?	
Why do we have to talk about money?	
Do all Christians need to be disciple makers?	

Questions to follow-up:	

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#### **Further Resources and Reflection**

We've only just begun to scratch the surface of what it means to be like Jesus and what we pray for every member of our church. At the back of this booklet are some specific resources that are available to members to keep connected with our church and growing as a Christian. This includes the pastoral care plan mentioned in the video.

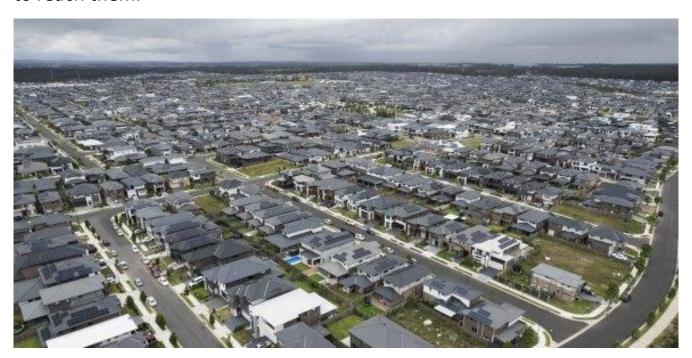
Additionally, as a regular part of our church services, we include a spot called "Christ@Work" where we think about what Jesus is doing amongst us right now. These spots in church are designed to encourage, train, equip and grow us in our Lord.

When was the last time you considered your own walk with Jesus? **Spend some time thinking and praying about how you'd like your Heavenly Father to be at work in you in the next 12 months.** 

# Part 4: Growing to reach 2033 people by 2033

Mission growth is a fundamental part of God's plan to seek and save the lost. Here in Campbelltown, we live in one of the fastest growing areas of Sydney and Jesus wants everyone already here, and everyone moving here, to have a chance to turn to him and be saved.

The sheer number of people who don't yet know Jesus in our area is overwhelming. Which is why it is really important that we have a faithful plan to reach them.



## "Reach 2033" our mission growth strategy

Compelled by Christ's love for Campbelltown and with God's help, we want to reach 2033 people for Jesus by 2033.

Reach 2033 is underpinned by four key growth strategies:

- 1. Prayerful dependence upon God in his work to bring all things in Campbelltown under Christ.
- 2. Every member of our church being committed to:
  - being disciple-making disciples, and

- to Campbelltown Anglican Churches being a Parish of churchplanting churches.
- 3. Every member seeking to help one friend to become a Christian, one non-believing visitor to meet Jesus and welcoming one transferring Christian to join our church.
- 4. Prioritised investment in ministry amongst children, youth and young people in order to raise and equip disciples to carry on gospel work into the next generation.



# **Read** the following Bible passages and write down what challenges you and what excites you

**Mark 6:30-34** - The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (NIV 2011)

**2 Corinthians 5:11-16** - Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. <sup>12</sup> We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. <sup>13</sup> If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for

all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. (NIV 2011)

What challenges you from these Bible passages?

What excites you from these Bible passages?



**Watch** the following video to understand why we want to reach 2033 people and how, under God, we pray that it might happen!



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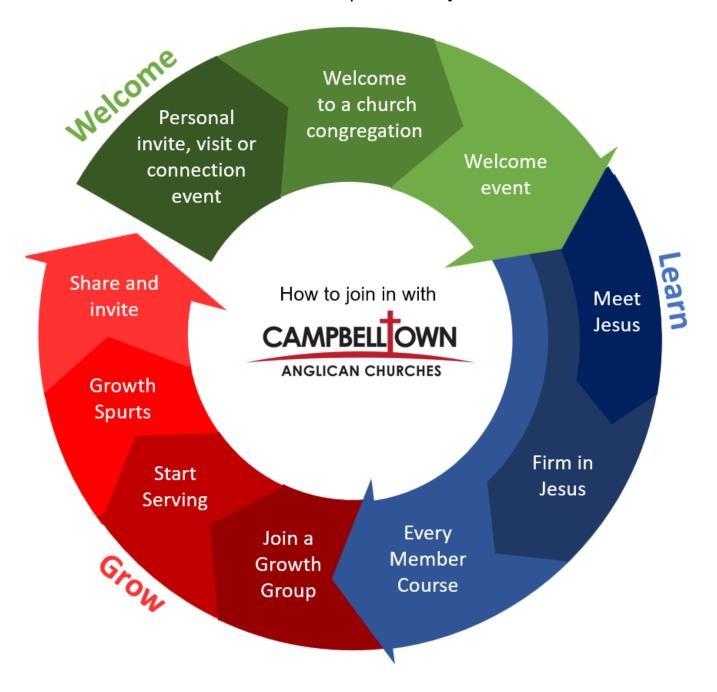
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	Personal Reflection
	What excites you about the gospel opportunities that God has placed before us here in Campbelltown?
	What will be challenging for you given the gospel opportunity we have here in Campbelltown?

## Part 5: Your pathway to membership

We'd love for you to join in with our church! We are very thankful that you have come this far, and we want to do all that we can to help you settle in with us. Part of that is to help you to understand our mission and membership pathways.

The picture below shows the full cycle of how someone might join in with a church. People start at different places but in general there is welcome phase, learning phase and finally a commitment and growth phase that feeds back in as members of our church help others to join in.



Visit our pathways website to understand why we want to reach 2033 people and how, under God, we pray that it might happen. As you investigate our pathways you will see that you have been stepping through our pathways in your own journey to joining with us. Don't let that worry you – every single person in our church is somewhere on our pathway – from checking out our church through to a long-term member who is seeking to continue growing as a Christian.



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In what ways have you found the explanation of our pathways for joining us to be helpful?

In your experience, have we done well or poorly in actually helping you navigate these pathways up until this moment?

## Part 6: Our commitment to you

We love our church and we want you to love it as well. Having said that, we understand that we won't be the perfect church for everyone. However, as far as possible we will seek your best interests as a fellow disciple of Christ and an image-bearer of God. We will seek to act in line with God's teaching in his Word, and with his help, noting that we too are fallen sinful people.



#### Safe Ministry

We want all people to be welcome in our church and for all vulnerable people to be appropriately loved and cared for. This includes all children who we love and only seek the best for.

We adhere to Sydney Anglican Safe Ministry practices and expect all leaders of children's ministries in our churches to remain compliant with these standards. It is also our goal to see most of our church members complete and maintain the Sydney Anglican Safe Ministry training accreditation standards.

We encourage you to report any concerns to the Senior Minister of the church, contact information at the back of this book. Alternatively you can report directly to the Sydney Anglican Professional Standards Unit. Contact information is available here: <a href="https://safeministry.org.au/contact/">https://safeministry.org.au/contact/</a>

As you join our church please help us to continue to maintain the high standards of safe ministry that are appropriate for our congregations.

## The rare cases of disputes amongst our members

Jesus taught us to love one another - even to love our enemy! So, it should be no surprise that we expect all of our members to treat each other with the dignity and respect that God accords to his created people. We encourage all of our members to be genuinely welcoming and to seek to serve all people who come into our church.

However, we aren't perfect! From time-to-time members may have disputes and people may need to forgive and be reconciled with each other. In these rare times we encourage reflection upon Jesus' teaching in Matthew 18 so that all parties maintain a godly attitude to one another. We also encourage all members to refrain from gossip and to genuinely seek the good of others.

May God grant that we live at peace and unity with one another, able to gently restore one another to fellowship even in those rare cases of disagreement.

#### **Complaints & reporting**

The Senior Minister is very happy to discuss all general complaints and concerns and respond or redirect them as appropriate.

Mandatory reporting for safe ministry purposes should follow the advice above.

If complaints are about the Senior Minister you should take the matter to the Regional Bishop or use the Safe Ministry site (listed above).



## Part 7: Your next steps

Well done for making it this far! We pray that you have a much better sense of who we are and what our church is on about. Joining a church is like joining a new family and so we know that a simple course like this can't answer all your questions nor address all your concerns.



So, having worked through some of the key things that drive us as a church, we now really want to hear from you.



Let us know you have finished the course and we'll be in contact to organise a catch-up with a leader or a pastor from your church congregation.

Simply email: office@campbelltownanglican.org

or call the church office on: 4625 1041

One of our congregational leaders or pastors will then be in contact to make an appointment with you.

## What should you expect at your catch-up meeting?

We will try to come to you whenever possible, but if that doesn't work we are happy to invite you to meet somewhere else or even to catch up via an online video chat.

- We want to hear a bit about your life, how you became a Christian and how you came to consider joining our church.
- We want to hear your experience of being welcomed and understanding our church. Did we do a good job? What could we do better?
- We'll go through your questions that you noted through this Member's Course and let you ask anything else you would like to ask. We may not have all the answers but we'll do our best.
- We'll ask how you feel about joining our church! Don't worry, there's no pressure. Sure, we love our church, but we understand it can take time to make a decision like this.
- If you are ready to join with us, that's wonderful! We'll start a number of conversations with you:
  - o firstly, about which growth group you could join;
  - secondly, we'll begin thinking about how you might serve once you've been with us for 6 months;
  - thirdly, we'll invite you to complete our Safe Ministry and Working with children courses to ensure you are accredited for ministry in an Anglican Church. If you already have completed some of these course we'll get you to email your accreditation numbers to our Office.
- If you aren't ready to be a member of our church yet, that's ok. You are very welcome to be our guest for as long as you need to make that decision! We don't ask our guests to serve or support our ministry, but simply enjoy our hospitality because we love people checking us out. We'll touch base with you every few months and when you are ready we can come back to this next step of conversation.

# Appendix: Resources to get you started

#### Communications and online resources

In our complicated modern world we use a variety of messaging and communication platforms:

- Our website: www.campbelltownganglican.org
- Our member's online hub: The best place to start in searching out information about what's happening, sending in prayer requests and other comments, and finding calendars for the year: hub.campbelltownanglican.org
- Office phone: (02) 4625 1041 (staffed Monday to Thursday during normal work hours)
- Office email: office@campbelltownanglican.org
- Public Facebook page: search for "Campbelltown Anglican Churches".
- Member's Facebook page for the Parish: search for "Campbelltown Anglican Churches" and request to join
- Congregational Facebook pages: Ask your Pastor to add you if there is one
- Sermon catch up audio/podcast (recorded at the 6pm congregation):
   <a href="https://campbelltownanglican.org/church-services/sermon-lounge/">https://campbelltownanglican.org/church-services/sermon-lounge/</a>
- Sermon catch up video: (recorded at the 6pm congregation): Search youtube.com for the "Campelltown Anglican Churches" channel and subscribe
- We publish a weekly newsletter that is sent out via email and linked to on our Facebook members page. If you aren't receiving it via email then contact our Office to let them know to enable it for you

- Church management system: We use Elvanto for rostering and general contact management. Get started on our Member's Hub: <a href="https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/elvanto/">https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/elvanto/</a>
- We make printed copies of our regular newsletter available at some of our services. Please contact us if you need access to a printed newsletter to stay up to date.

#### **Kids and Youth Ministries**

Visit the Hub: https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/kids-and-youth/

#### What's happening? (Church calendar)

Visit the Hub: <a href="https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/whats-happening/">https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/whats-happening/</a>

#### Pastoral Care and professional help

Visit the Hub: https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/seeking-help/

#### **Giving information**

Visit the Hub: <a href="https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/giving/">https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/giving/</a>

## Electronic giving details:

BSB: 062-517 | Acct Number: 28044387

Acct Name: St. Peter's Anglican Church Campbelltown

Treasurer: Arya Darmaputra

treasurer@campbelltownanglican.org

#### Who are our link missionaries and mission organisations?

There are many wonderful organisations to partner with for global mission. We've chosen to focus on partnering with particular organisations as we seek to reach our region, country and the world. We support these organisations out of our church budget but many members choose to additionally support these and other organisations.



Jim & Tanja French

With Silas and Evie in Spain





Taulama Siuhengalu

Vietnam





**Ben & Alissa Connelly** 

w/ Josiah & Vivenne in Cowra





**Pastor Michael Duckett** 

Macarthur Indigenous Church

#### **Our 10 Year Ministry and Mission Plan**

In 2023 we launched our 10 year ministry and mission plan from 2024-2033 which is summarised at the back of this booklet. However, if you love lots of detail, then visit the Hub to find out how we came to our ministry and mission plan back in 2023: <a href="https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/10-year-vision/">https://campbelltownanglican.org/hub/10-year-vision/</a>

Get to know the Parish Property and Administration Oversight Team See the Hub (this is not available as at December 2023 but should be available later in 2024 and onwards).

#### What version of the Bible should I bring to church?

We use the NIV 2011 translation and we encourage everyone to bring their Bible along to church and Growth Group every week!

You can purchase an NIV at an online bookstore like <a href="https://reformers.org.au">https://koorong.com.au</a> but if you are unable to afford one or cannot do online purchasing then please contact our Office for help.

**Get to know the Ministry Oversight Team** See over page.

#### **Ministry Oversight Team**



Jason Veitch Senior Minister, 8am / 10am / Wed Pastor



Mick Bullen
Parish Mission &
Integration Pastor,
10am Assistant



**Michael Kinsey**Parish Children's & Youth
Minister



Jason Moss
Pastor St Andrew's Airds,
CAHSM/SRE



Michael Latten
Pastor 6pm,
8am Assistant



Leanne Burns Chaplain St Peter's Anglican Grammar, Member 8am



Mark Schroder Chaplain Broughton Anglican College, Member 10am



Michael Duckett
Pastor Macarthur
Indigenous Church



**Sarah Manning** Ministry Support



**Kylie Chapman**Ministry Support



Heather Veitch (Ministry co-worker) Pastoral Care & Women's discipleship, 8/10/Wed co-worker



**Phil Palmer** (Ministry co-worker)



Narelle Davis (Ministry co-worker)

#### Want to be challenged to grow more?



\*\* Visit the hub.campbelltownanglican.org for the latest Sunday Arvo Training schedule.



#### What's on for Kids and Youth?

Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matt 19:14). We aim for our Churches to be places which welcome children of all ages, help them get to know Jesus, and grow in their love of him. In all we do for children and young people we aim to help them learn from the Bible in fun and age-appropriate ways.

There are lots of wonderful things going on across our ministry for children and youth. You can always visit our <u>online hub</u> for the latest view of what's happening in this area.

One of the key things to understand about our kids and youth ministries is that we aren't simply providing children with programs to keep them off the street! Rather, we are thinking about how each child can grow and express their faith at different stages of their walk with Jesus. To that end we have developed a *Kids and Youth Discipleship Pathway* (see over page) that puts into diagram form our great hope and prayer for each precious child. Please join with us in praying this would help each child to be prepared for a lifetime of trusting in Jesus.

When it comes to the overall specifics of what we run we'd refer you to the hub for what is happening this year, however in general:

- Like many churches, we run Sunday kids' ministries at each of our sites. These programs are linked to a Sunday morning service and often have leaders from our evening congregation to serve them. These usually include a pre-school program and creche as well as programs for those in kindergarten to year 2, year 3 to year 6 and for teenagers as a part of learning to participate in the life of church.
- We also run a Friday night Youth Group, but deliberately run only one Youth Group ministry across our parish to match the regional nature of youth ministry as compared to the local nature of children's ministry.
- Throughout the week there are programs to connect with children after school and to connect with children aged 0-5 and their parents an carers.

#### IN CHURCH AGE-APPROPRIATE REACHING OTHERS OUTCOMES (MISSION) (MATURITY) Church attendance Parenting Course Creche and Preschool @ St Peter's Baby Riverside Creche @ St Andrew's. Pre-External Baptism Church attendance, family Parents are committed to discipleship, and baptism Junior Jivers School Pre-Inviting others to Church and/or Welcoming others at church K-2 Kids' Church @ St Peter's Riverside Kids @ St Andrew's Afternoon Kids' Club Afternoon Kids' Club Years Personal devotion - building regular <u>₹-2</u> bible reading and prayer habits Riverside Kids @ St Andrew's 3-6 Kids' Church @ St Peter's Campbelltown Anglican Schools (Prep-12) SRE (Special Religious Education) (K-12) Can explain the gospel Years မ-6 Riverside Teens @ St Andrew's Teens at Ten @ St Peter's Learning serve and to participate in Church Baptised Years 7-10 Discipling others (junior leadership Senior Youth Growth Group Youth Group roles where appropriate Confirmed 11-12 Years Young Adults Growth Group School Leavers Program

KIDS AND YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

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6pm Church

School

Post

Serving in one significant

ministry

Attending Church

Campbelltown Anglican Churches are committed to providing a safe place for your children to play and to learn about Jesus. Practically, this means that the children will normally be supervised by at least two leaders, who have a verified Working with Children Check and have undertaken the compulsory Safe Ministry training required by the Anglican Church in Sydney.

If you have further questions visit our online Hub page for Children's and Youth ministries, or refer to the section above "Our commitment to you".

#### A guide to pastoral care in our church

Growth Groups are the starting point for pastoral care. This way our members are cared for by a range of other members of church. Please see our online guide to care on the Hub.

# **Summary: Our Vision and 10 Year Plan**

#### **Our Vision**

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## Our growth plan: Reach 2033

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- 4. prioritised investment in ministry amongst children, youth and young people in order to raise and equip disciples to carry on gospel work into the next generation

## **Our maturity plan: Every Member**

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Specifically, we pray for, train, and equip every member to be:

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- 2. a welcomer of outsiders,
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- 4. a pastoral carer,
- 5. a financial supporter, and
- 6. a disciple making disciple.



## **Our Services**

Sundays		Wednesday
8am	10am	9:30am
St Peter's Church	St Peter's School Hall (with children's program)	St Peter's Church
9:30am	6pm	Friday Youth 7pm
St Andrew's Church (with children's program)	St Peter's Church	St Peter's Church Hall

## **Our Locations**

St Peter's	St Andrew's	<b>Macarthur Indigenous</b>
12 Cordeaux St	1 Riverside Drive	Church
Campbelltown	Airds	Wedderburn

## Office

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**Senior minister: Jason Veitch**