



The Anglican Parish of Burnside-Harewood

Parish Vision Statement

Making lifelong disciples of Jesus

Loving Communities empowered for God's mission

- (1) From reading the New Testament we are convinced that to be a disciple is to be a lifelong apprentice. That means we are called to always be growing in these 3 ways:-
 - in our understanding of the Christian faith (head)
 - in our character, reflecting that of Jesus (heart)
 - in our ability to make use of the spiritual gifts we are given (hands)

- (2) We earnestly pray that we would see disciples like those we read about in the New Testament raised up and released in our parish. In other words:-
 - disciples from all kinds of backgrounds (ethnic, educational, age, stage of life)
 - disciples who make mistakes but learn from them and stay on the journey
 - disciples who put their faith in Jesus first, in a world that knows little about the Christian faith and is sometimes hostile
 - disciples who model their faith in Jesus in such a way that it is attractive to others

- (3) The main way in which we seek to grow such disciples is by resourcing existing groups and by launching new missional communities. These groups and missional communities are to be places:-
 - where faith in Jesus is caught as well as taught
 - where faith in Jesus is modelled as well as discussed
 - where faith in Jesus gives birth to action as well as to prayer
 - where newcomers are invited in, as well as established members supported

- (4) We remember the words of Jesus “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5). In prayer and in action, we seek to be both faithful and fruitful in carrying out this vision. In faith we look forward to many lifelong disciples being raised up in our parish.

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