

# Leaders Update



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# Vision

Attracting Others

Growing Individuals

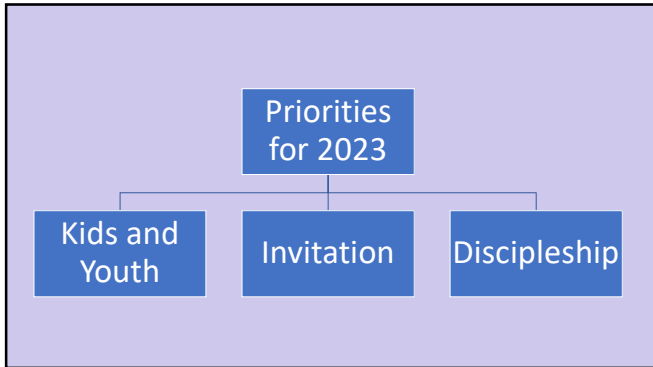
Sacrificially Serving

Changing Perspectives



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- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kids and Youth
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gathered Church
- \_\_\_\_\_ Discipleship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invitation



## Prayer and Communication

**Acts 2**

42: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43: Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.....

47b: .....And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**Three Priorities**

Praying together corporately

Sharpening our ability to listen to God

Smooth communication across the Church

**Praying Together Corporately**

Top Priority for all

Follow the example of the early church in Acts

**Sharpening our ability to hear what God is saying to us**

“Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of PROPHECY”  
(1 Corinthians 14:1)

**Smooth Communication Across the Church**

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**1 Thessalonians 5: 16-17**

“Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

**Ephesians 6: 18**

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”

**PASTORAL  
CARE**

**Our aim is to ensure that:**

- Immanuel looks after members of the church family by responding to pastoral issues in a timely and effective manner.
- People know where to turn when they experience, or become aware of, pastoral needs.

**In order to achieve our aims, we need:**

- The entire church family to be aware of our structure and systems for administering pastoral activity, so that everyone knows what to do when issues arise.
- A coherent system for administering pastoral issues, with those involved having a full understanding of potential responses (e.g. phone calls, home visits, meal rotas, card/flowers, Giving and Sharing Fund, prayer chains)

**Current Approach to Pastoral Care**

- Key assumption is that the majority of pastoral care issues are addressed via Life Groups (or individual relationships within the church family)
- If further support is required, Peter and Jenny Evans are the main point of contact for the majority of routine pastoral care issues (Bereavements, illnesses, financial difficulties, loneliness)
- Pastoral care needs can also be referred directly to Paul Collins (or other members of the leadership team)
- For prayer support, John Manning co-ordinates the Prayer Warriors network, which enables members of the church family to provide consolidated prayer for issues both inside and outside our church

**The intended outcome is to ensure a united church family where:**

- People feel cared for and supported by other members of the family.
- People know where to turn when they experience, or become aware of, pastoral needs.

## Community and Outreach

**Our aims are:**

- To be evangelistic – having a loving and infectious faith in Jesus that attracts others;
- To make it easy for people to engage with Immanuel at every stage of their faith journey;
- To serve the wider community.

**In order to achieve our aims we need:**

- To be passionate about sharing our faith;
- To participate in the events and courses planned and invite our friends to join us;
- To initiate and support community outreach programmes.

The impact will be a church family that:

Is committed to reaching those outside the church and drawing them in to a relationship with Jesus;

Is aware of our responsibility to invite others to “come and see” how much God loves them;

Is supporting and caring for the local community with love, compassion and practical help.

## Children, Youth and Families



Our aims are:

- to provide a warm, welcoming and fun environment for children and young people of all ages so that they feel valued members of the Immanuel Church family.
- to help children and young people to grow in their understanding of Jesus and to develop a personal relationship with him.

In order to achieve our aims we need:

- Regular family-orientated Sunday services where children and young people are encouraged to participate, e.g. in worship, prayers, bible readings, craft activities, refreshments, set-up, tech, etc.
- An age-appropriate programme of children and youth activities in church, e.g. when adults are listening to the sermon.
- An age-appropriate programme of out-of-church activities, e.g. youth evenings, kids' clubs, mums and toddlers, holiday club, social events, sports, etc.

The impact will be to create a united church family where:

- both younger and older families are attracted and can find a spiritual home at Immanuel.
- the members of our church know and care for our young people and support our Youth Leader to run an effective programme, e.g. Conker Club, Roots, Shoots, Deeper.
- older children are encouraged to take leadership roles.
- Immanuel Church models Christian values and faith in reaching out to the wider community, e.g. parenting courses at Bishop Luffa.

### Gathered Church

- To always seek to deliver a warm and welcoming community.
- To be a place where people know they have something to contribute.
- To make the services not dependent on a few individuals.
- For our services always to represent our rooted in the Word and moving in the Spirit tradition.

## Discipleship

- To train up passionate apprentices of Jesus.
- To develop individual's skills and giftings.
- To develop a way of life for the members of Immanuel.
- To focus on multiplication in Life groups and church planting.