

A Vision for St Jude's
St Jude's – An Authentic Christian Community
Acts 2:37-47

A. The Challenge of Change

“This is your captain speaking”

Facing the Challenge of Change Together

The Need for Vision

B. An Authentic Christian Community

St Jude's – A Christian Community

A Worshipping Community – Reaching Up to God

- born of the word of God & the power of the Holy Spirit (2:37-41)
- nurturing faith by meeting together (2:46)
- devoted to the apostles' teaching, prayer & the sacraments

A Caring Community – Reaching In to Each Other

- meeting together regularly (2:44 & 46)
- practising hospitality (2:42 & 46)
- sharing themselves & their possessions (2:44-45)

An Outward-looking Community – Reaching Out to the World

- born of the bold proclamation of the gospel (2:36 & 41)
- led by the apostles' preaching & signs and wonders (2:42-43)
- God regularly added to their numbers (2:41 & 47)

C. The Plan to Support the Christian Community

Not Monuments to God but Facilities to Support Ministry

Facilities for the 21st Century Church

Facilities to Encourage Ministry 7 Days a Week

For Prayer and Discussion

What's the purpose of our church? What do we exist to be and to do?

How do buildings and facilities hinder or assist us to fulfil our God-given purpose?