Forest & Wye Community Church 29th March 2021

Mission Statement

"Captivated by God's heart for the lost, in our everyday lives we seek to be disciples who make disciples."

Vision

- 1. It is the dream of a place where the hurting, the depressed, the frustrated, and the confused can find love, acceptance, hope, help, forgiveness, guidance, and encouragement.
- 2. It is the dream of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with thousands of people who live in the Forest of Dean, the Wye Valley and those connecting online.

This includes 86,000 in the Forest of Dean and 178,000 in the Wye Valley. We are targeting the 90% who are not connected to church.

- 3. It is the dream of welcoming 500 members into the fellowship of our Church family loving, learning, laughing, and living in harmony together.
- 4. It is the dream of developing people into spiritually mature disciple makers through spiritual pathways and connection groups.
- 5. It is the dream of seeing a network of connection groups set up across the region to encourage each other in God's 5 purposes for living (fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism & worship) and then come together to celebrate as a Church on the weekend.
- 6. It is a dream of having a church building which is open during the week as a community hub and a safe haven for those needing friendship and a listening ear.
- 7. It is the dream of equipping every member to discover their God given gifts and abilities to serve in a significant way and fulfil their unique purpose.
- 8. It is the dream of being generous in our prayerful and financial support of Christian ministries and workers nationally and internationally.
- 9. It is the dream of equipping every member for a life of disciple making and discovering their personal life of mission.
- 10. It is the dream of sending out our members on mission projects nationally and internationally.
- 11. It is a dream of inspiring and equipping next generation leaders through placements, volunteering, coaching and other opportunities.
- 12. Through a fresh approach to the shape of church, it is a dream of nurturing new and revitalised churches in the UK.

"But forget all that—<u>it is nothing compared to what I am going to do</u>. For I am about to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? **I will make a pathway** through the wilderness for **my people to come home**. I will create rivers for them in the desert!... Yes, I will make springs in the desert, so that my chosen people can be refreshed." Isaiah 43:18-20 (NLT)