

Jersey Baptist
CHURCH

VISION FOR THE FUTURE
2020-2022

OUR VISION

Jersey Baptist Church is a multi-ethnic, multi-generational group of people who have been saved by Christ and are committed to being rooted and built up in Him. We are dedicated to learning from the Bible, sharing the Gospel with the world and expressing our overflowing thankfulness to Christ by loving God and one another. We are rooted in Christ and growing in faith, hope and love.



STORIES AND STATS



How do we measure the health and growth of our church? We believe that the wellbeing of Jersey Baptist Church can be best communicated through the stories of lives that have been transformed and by setting measurable goals and evaluating our progress along the way.

GOING FORWARD

The members of Jersey Baptist Church are committed to the prayerful process of discerning God's vision for our church.

This booklet describes the vision and ministry action plan of Jersey Baptist Church. It also outlines how you can participate in this 'Vision for the Future.'



WE ARE ROOTED IN CHRIST

Since 2016 Jersey Baptist Church has been going through a process of growth and renewal. Average Sunday attendance jumped from 30 to 130 children and adults. Our congregation has grown in confidence and maturity and we are committed to reaching out to the world with the love of Christ. As a result, friends of ours have come to faith, turned their lives around and are now living for Christ. Our children's and youth groups continue to grow and young people are actively serving in the life of church. Jersey Baptist Church is thriving and we are hopeful that the best is yet to come!

At the heart of everything we do is the good news of Jesus Christ. He is the object of our faith, the basis of our hope and it's through Him that we are able to love God and one another.

As a church we are rooted in Christ and growing in faith, hope and love. Our hope is that through reading this vision document you will be encouraged and inspired to prayerfully join us as we seek to know, love, and proclaim Christ in our families, schools, work, neighbourhoods and throughout Jersey!

The future is uncertain, the challenges we face are many, but God is great and He is doing immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us!

We are praying that you will partner with us on the journey.

Rooted in Him,



Drew Waller
Pastor, Jersey Baptist Church



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GROWING IN FAITH

In the last few years, Jersey Baptist Church has invested time and resources in equipping people to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Bible teaching is central to our Sunday morning meetings and runs through everything we do. We are also committed to developing mature, fruitful disciples of Christ through expanded home group provision, founding the Jersey Evangelical Training Scheme (a two-year ministry and theological training program), training our first ministry apprentice, who is now enrolled at Moorlands Bible College, and developing training resources for prayer ministry, personal evangelism, one-to-one Bible reading, parenting and other practical topics.

In 2020-2022, our goal is to:

- Develop three new home groups
- Develop men's, women's and young adult's discipleship ministry
- Equip 75% of our congregation to read the Bible one-to-one
- Finally, we would also like to recruit, train and deploy at least one new apprentice each year

SUE: DISCOVERING THE WORD

Two years ago I prayed a simple prayer asking God to show me where I was in deception. I had been caught up in theology and teaching that wasn't based on the Bible.



Providentially, God led me to JETS and to biblically faithful pastors and teachers. I began to understand how to rightly interpret God's word and slowly began to unlearn false teachings I had believed to be true. If it were not for God's mercy, I would still be in deception. I am very thankful to be part of a wonderful biblical church. In thinking about my journey over the last few years, Jude 24-25 comes to mind:

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his Glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen."



From 2016-2020 we expanded home group provision from 5 to 7 groups. As of 2020, 92 people are a part of home groups



From 2018-2020, 32 people from 8 local churches have enrolled in the Jersey Evangelical Training Scheme

GROWING IN HOPE

Jersey Baptist Church is creatively and actively equipping our congregation to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We do this through:

- Training our congregation to engage in personal evangelism
- 'Discovering God,' an introductory course to the Christian faith
- Regular outreach events including an annual mission week
- "Christian FAQ" in which we answer questions people ask about faith
- Supporting missionary partners, including: Grace Trust, The Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches, London City Mission, Ovi Dragon in Romania, Open Doors, Africa for Christ, and Compassion

In 2020-2022 we want to:

- Create more 'entry-level' social events
- Link up mission partners with home groups
- Send short-term missionary teams through existing mission partnerships

LEANDRE: DISCOVERING GOD

I'd always believed in God, but I didn't truly know Him. I didn't know He was full of compassion, love, and mercy. I didn't know the peace that He could make me feel. Because I didn't truly know Him, I eventually was led away and I found myself drifting, looking for something or anyone to hold onto to give me a sense of stability, a feeling of belonging, comfort, love. Last year I was at the lowest point. I didn't recognise who I'd become. Feeling low and crying every week became my norm.



One night, a friend asked me if I wanted to come to church and I pretended to resist, but a part of me really wanted to go and I ended up attending that weekend. I felt as though I couldn't go to God and that I wasn't worth it. I thought, how could God love me after all I had done? But over time He showed His faithfulness and His love for me by breaking me down completely and removing all that I held onto in this world for stability, so I'd have no choice but to rely on Him. He eventually became my foundation. He gave me the strength and courage to hold on and keep persevering through that difficult time.

And now I find myself just wanting to live for Him, because it gives me so much joy and purpose. I also now have a job which I love, because I've learnt it's about being a blessing to others and through this I'm able to add value which makes me happy. I have more fulfilling relationships with people because God completes me like no one else and I'm more confident because I'm learning who I am in Christ. Now I am filled with joy and contentment more often than not and I am so grateful for what He has done for me.



From 2016-2020 our contacts in the community grew from 90 individuals to 627 individuals



In 2020, individuals from Jersey Baptist Church sponsored 31 children through Compassion International

HOPE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sunday Ministry

We have 4 age groups for 0-11 Children's Church; Splashers, Dippers, Divers and Surfers. Each Sunday the Dippers, Divers and Surfers learn from the same Bible passage as big church to help families discuss what they learnt. The children also have lots of fun with games, songs and crafts!



Holiday Club

After launching Holiday Club in 2019 we were very excited to bring EPIC Explorers in 2020 with another sell out, praise God!

Our star team!

We are very thankful for our team of 36 volunteer leaders who are passionate about seeing the children grow to know Jesus for themselves whilst having a lot of fun through all the Sunday and midweek ministries!

Midweek Ministry

Each month we have Dangerous Club for years 3-8, which involves fun activities that are slightly on the edge! We have also created links with Rouge Bouillon and Springfield, sharing the good news of Jesus in assemblies. During the Lockdown we ran a daily 'Happy Hour' on Zoom with games, songs and Bible stories

Goals for 2020-2022

- Develop a weekly ministry for age 7-10
- Develop a monthly ministry for age 1-6
- Run a children's guest event each term
- Develop a link with one more primary school

MEET THE HUNT FAMILY

We love the way God uses church community to bring positive role models into the lives of our children, so we feel supported in bringing them up. We love that not only are the children taught to love God on a Sunday, but that there is provision for them all through the week, through one-to-one Bible teaching, youth social events and of course Dangerous Club! The fact that the children are learning from the same passage as us on a Sunday helps us to try and have meaningful dialogue after the service. Having our older two children getting involved in serving on the Children's Church rota once a month gives them a good grounding and an excellent first taste of the privilege of serving Jesus. We are indeed blessed.



Children's Church has expanded to four age groups.
Splashers (0-Pre-school)
Dippers (Rec-Year 2)
Divers (Years 3-4)
Surfers (Years 5-6)



Since September 2018, a total of 83 children have attended one or more Dangerous Clubs with 40 being new to church



We had an increase from 57 to 71 children at holiday club with 35 children new to church

HOPE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Friday Night Youth Club: Games, cafe, tuck shop, and topical Bible teaching

A SNAPSHOT OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Youth Club - A fun, interactive Bible session following the teaching series in the main service

Covid Lockdown Ministry: twice weekly "catch ups" on Zoom to connect with the young people, play online games and continue learning from the Bible

Lunch Clubs running weekly at JCG and Victoria College

RE lessons delivered to year 9 and year 10 weekly at Haute Vallee

5 young people on a 1-to-1 Bible reading mentoring scheme

8 Youth Socials and Guest events, including Pancake Competition, Film Night, Ice Skating Party, Beach Socials and a Jackbox evening

A team of 11 dedicated volunteer youth leaders

Goals for 2020-22

- Young people to run a central monthly prayer meeting for the church
- Island wide Youth programme in partnership with The Higher Tour
- Youth retreat weekend away
- A new youth outreach course - Changing Lanes
- Contagious Summer Camp

TOMECA: A YOUTH LEADERS VIEW

Serving in youth is important as it allows us to connect with our young people as they are the future and we need to ensure they are equipped with what they need to go forward in this world as faithful and prayerful Christians.

It gives me an opportunity to impart a little of my knowledge and I love seeing them grow in Christ. I would love to see the ministry grow and retaining the older group as these are the ones that are so vulnerable in the world with all its additional influences.



A new Sunday Youth Club ministry set up with 3 dedicated team leaders



64 fun, interactive Bible sessions at local schools (through RE lessons, lunch time clubs)



5 young people trained up to serve on tech and children's ministry

HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY

For many people, our mid-week outreach programmes are their only point of contact with the good news of Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we aim to host excellent activities including: **Sunbeams** (our toddler group), the **Community Tea**, and **Prospects** (a ministry for adults with learning disabilities). While guests are always warmly welcomed and they enjoy the chance to connect socially, what is most exciting is to see people grow in faith through these outreach activities. With all of our community ministries, we aim to build friendships, be generous with our time and share the Gospel in love.

Going forward, we will continue to invest in creatively connecting with our local community. In doing this, we must be willing to adjust our plans to meet new challenges and opportunities. Additionally, our focus likely will shift from catering to larger groups to investing in intentional one-to-one and smaller group discipleship.

REACHING ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Kate Hamilton leads Prospects and this is what she says about this important outreach ministry:

“Prospects has really opened my eyes to the need to make our Christian meetings more accessible to those who have physical and learning disabilities and to allow participation and expression in worship through the different senses. One of our members ‘comes to life’ when joining in with a dramatized reading. It brought joy to my heart seeing another, even though he cannot read, sitting down with an open Bible, having grasped that this was a special book. Several others enjoy signing the songs, playing instruments or flag waving. A newer member is delighted to be making new friends, discovering Christian worship music and is now accessing our Sunday services online.



The team is growing numerically and in their skills in giving Bible talks in a way that is accessible and applied into the lives of these precious folk. We regularly have socials together and I still smile at the memory of our blind lady enthusiastically driving the Wetwheels boat along St Aubin's bay and an older lady catching a fish! Please pray that we would be rooted in Christ and growing together in faith, hope and love.”



35 carers and toddlers attend Sunbeams each week



15 people participate in Prospects every fortnight



40 people attend the Community Tea Fellowship every fortnight

GROWING IN LOVE: THROUGH PRAYER

One of the fundamental ways we demonstrate our love for God and for one another is in our commitment to pray with one another. Over recent years we have seen a number of people recover from life-threatening illnesses in answer to prayer. This is a huge encouragement to the individual being prayed for and to those who are seeing prayers answered.

In 2020 the Coronavirus crisis swept the globe. It caused worldwide lockdowns and forced churches to cancel many activities. But one benefit of the crisis is that it pushed us to our knees in prayer. In our initial response to the virus, we started a 40-minute daily morning prayer meeting and a Sunday evening prayer meeting. These initiatives have continued since the lockdown was lifted and this renewed emphasis on prayer has reminded us of the importance of praying for and with one another. Additionally, at present, we have the monthly church prayer meeting, prayer in weekly home groups, and we have established a confidential prayer chain that springs into action when prayer requests come in through our Care phone hotline.

Going forward we are keen to develop prayer support for regular Jersey Baptist ministries and one-off events; and we would also like to create a prayer team who pray for people after the Sunday morning service.

PETER: SUPPORTED IN LOVE

The pain and the sudden massive drop of blood pressure wiped me out. By God's grace the paramedics were already by my side and quickly got me to hospital. I had suffered my second attack of pancreatitis in two weeks. In my haze, I knew I was in serious need of prayer, but I just could not find energy or strength to pray!



But praise God, my church family did pray for me and our gracious Father heard them. I pulled through the episode and am now fully recovered. I am so grateful to my blessed church family that prayed for me, even when I couldn't. There were times during my illness that were dark and tough. The fact that I knew so many from our church were praying was a huge encouragement and oftentimes I could feel the warmth and light of their fellowship, through their prayers, piercing the darkness.



In 2020, on average,
19 people attended the
monthly prayer meeting



In 2020-2022, we would like to
develop a team who can pray
with people after church

GROWING IN LOVE: THROUGH CARE

We aim to be a church which is intentional in caring for one another's spiritual, physical and practical needs. Care may involve giving practical assistance, helping someone through a difficult situation, or offering wise counsel in a one-to-one setting. Care also includes visiting people in hospital, offering companionship and prayer. This is the job of all church members and is primarily delivered through our network of home groups, which meet together regularly to study the Bible, pray, and support one another.

Supporting these efforts, is our Care Team, which meets with home group leaders on a monthly basis to ensure that the pastoral needs of the congregation are met with sensitivity and confidentiality.

In 2020-2022 we aim to:

- Promote the work of the Care Team so that people are aware of the resources that are available
- Provide additional training for the Care Team and home group leaders
- Develop a biblical support ministry in which we train one another with basic biblical counselling skills

KATHY: GIVING WISE COUNSEL

I was brought up in a loving Christian home. Despite this, I rejected my Christian upbringing until I was challenged by a young Christian during my nurse training here in Jersey. As a result of putting my faith in Christ in my working life, initially as a RGN nurse and more latterly as a Bereavement Counsellor, I've undertaken my responsibilities "As unto the LORD".



Obviously, I have conducted myself according to the code of conduct required of all the professional disciplines. However, a single stanza of the metrical Psalm 19, learnt in my youth, has been my constant companion throughout my working life and now in my retirement: "God's law is perfect, and converts the soul in sin that lies: God's testimony is most sure and makes the simple wise".

For my own part, coming under the conviction of sin, being saved by Christ and trusting in His testimony (how we are to live) has enabled me to show others in practical ways the truths of Scripture and God's love.



In 2020, we linked up our Home Group Leaders with members of the Care Team to improve communication and collaboration



In 2020-2022, we plan to offer training to the Care Team in basic biblical counselling skills

LOVING GOD TOGETHER ON SUNDAY

Our goal is that Jersey Baptist is known as a church where the Bible is faithfully preached, where we pursue Christ in love, and a place where people are empowered to faithfully worship and serve God.

On Sundays, Jersey Baptist Church is alive with activity. In the last few years our congregation has grown numerically, spiritually and in diversity. During our Sunday morning meeting we pray, sing, and most importantly, every week, we listen to God from the Bible.

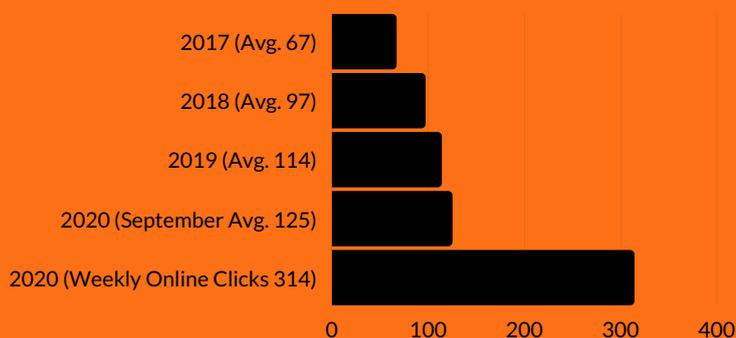
Each Sunday, we have teams of people devoted to helping us connect with one another and most importantly, connect with God. Leading this time is our team of Elders, our church staff, our Music, Tech and Connect Teams.



In 2020, we expanded our Sunday provision by hosting church services through online platforms and we now offer both online and multiple in-person Sunday Church meetings.

Going forward we want to improve our ability to connect with people who engage with Sunday church by:

- Continuing to update and improve our web and social media presence
- Offering more frequent opportunities for open prayer in church, make time for interviews, and questions and answers after a Bible talk
- Creating a welcome pack to help guests get stuck into the life of church
- Improve the process by which we link newcomers to home groups and we continue to train our team
- Establish quarterly training for all Sunday teams
- Develop five music groups with a designated leader for each group
- Develop an afternoon/evening service
- Improve parking congestion by encouraging ride sharing, walking, cycling, and through securing additional local parking or using a mini bus to collect people



Average Sunday Morning Attendance and Weekly Online Clicks per Sunday Church webcast



In 2020, 104 people served on at least one of 15 Church rotas

CHRIS & ANDRE: 1 TO 1 BIBLE READING

At Jersey Baptist we think Bible teaching is critical to everything we do. One way we teach the Bible to one another is through one-to-one Bible reading. One of the benefits of reading the Bible in a one-to-one setting is that it's convenient. Arranging to meet one Christian for one hour weekly is realistic even in the busiest lives. Reading the Bible one-to-one is also personal. In bigger groups it is difficult to deal with personal issues and questions, but the discussions between two friends can be more personal. One-to-one Bible reading is also an ideal way of holding one another accountable. When individuals meet together to read the Bible and pray together - the Lord uses this time to grow us in faith.

In 2019 and 2020 Andre and Chris met regularly to read the Bible together. Then after a number of months of reading the Bible together, both Andre and Chris have branched out and asked others to start up new one to one bible reading relationships. Here's what Andre and Chris had to say about the benefits of personal discipleship.

Andre

Chris and I started reading the Bible together back in 2019 and I found it very helpful and encouraging. There really is no substitute for opening the Bible and digging in to the text with others. As you do this, together you come face to face with what God wants to tell us through His Word and for me this created a greater desire to read the Bible in other places and study certain doctrines we came across in more detail. Also, reading the Bible one-to-one or in a small group helps to build deeper relationships with others in the fellowship and it is an ideal place to pray together about what you have read and any other areas in life...



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...After a period of time, our group decided to create spin off groups with others and as a result of this I started reading the Bible with another friend in church. Although initially I was quite anxious about taking the lead in setting up a Bible study, it has been a real blessing for me. I want to encourage others to do the same and to reassure them that you don't need to know all the answers- the point is, we are all learning!

Chris

Two of the big reasons I meet with others to read the Bible is I enjoy it and I'm selfish. Let me explain. In the Old Testament, Moses sent the Israelites into the Promised Land with words of warning and advice from God. Immediately after giving the Israelites God's word, Moses advised the Israelites to discuss the commandments they were given when they're sitting at home, when they're taking a stroll, when they're lying down and when they're up on their feet. He told them to post God's word around their homes and have it in sight whenever possible. The reason? What we spend our time fixating our minds on plays a major role in the people we become. I want to become more godly, therefore, I take Moses' advice and I meet with other believers and read God's word.



As I do it, I often find that I actually really enjoy it! It offers me fresh perspectives and encourages me.

A friend once spoke about "mining God's word together," in it we find different treasures we can share and show one another. When I have gone for extended periods without reading the Bible with others, I find that my mind becomes centred less on God and my life follows my thoughts and becomes less holy and ultimately more hollow. I highly recommend for your own good that you find someone to pick up the Bible with and discuss it.



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MINISTRY SUPPORT

If you can imagine a vine growing against the supportive structure of a garden trellis, this is a helpful illustration of the relationship between the ministries of our church and the infrastructure that exists to support ministry.

Infrastructure such as our buildings, administrative support, financial accountability, health, safety and safeguarding policies all exist to support the work of ministry. Our office team, sound & visual team, and fabric team work tirelessly to ensure that our church is well maintained, runs efficiently, and follows best practice in all of the above areas.

Most recently, we achieved the following:

- Developed the administration staff team by identifying two roles, and recruiting to these posts: Administrator for Ministry Support and Operations and Technology Officer
- Began the Building for the Future project. We hope to enjoy the full benefits of this refurbishment in the months and years ahead
- Reviewed our financial processes and procedures and brought in a number of enhancements to support both the growing church family and staff team
- Restructured the organisation changing from a public to private charitable company to better suit the needs of the Church
- Replaced the sound system in the main church building to provide a better audio experience and reduce the footprint of the sound desk, which increases seating capacity
- Began live streaming services and set up a YouTube channel to provide regular video content



In 2019 we registered as a Charity with the Jersey Charities Commission and in 2020 we were independently audited



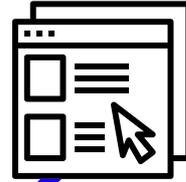
In 2020-2022 we plan to create a system for regularly training volunteers in first aid, food-safety, and best practice with regards to rota duties

MINISTRY SUPPORT PROJECTS

Complete Building For The Future project



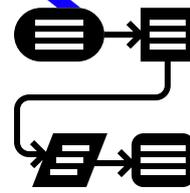
Redevelop Church website and enhance live streaming capabilities



Projects Planned for 2020-2022



Offer contactless and online giving to donors



Further improve business processes and procedures and offer further training for Safeguarding, Food Safety, First Aid, and for regular rota duties



Mid-week, 13 people volunteer in ministry support roles, giving approximately 32.5 hours per week



Building for the Future adds two Children's Church classrooms, approximately 60 seats in the main church meeting room and a modern catering kitchen

GOING FORWARD: GOALS FOR 2020-2022

- Develop three new home groups and equip 75% of our congregation to read the Bible one-to-one
- Develop men's, women's and young adults discipleship ministry
- Recruit, train and deploy at least one new apprentice each year
- Link up mission partners with home groups
- Create more 'entry-level' social events
- Send short term missionary teams through existing mission partnerships
- Develop a weekly ministry to key stage 2, a monthly ministry to age 1-6, a children's guest event each term and a link with one more primary school
- Young people to run a central monthly prayer meeting for the church
- 15 youth to a Youth weekend away and 10 to Contagious Summer Camp
- Establish a new youth outreach course - Changing Lanes
- Island-wide Youth programme in partnership with The Higher Tour
- Create a prayer team for the Sunday morning service
- Promote the work of the Care Team in Sunday Church
- Provide additional training for the Care Team and Home Group leaders
- Train our congregation with basic biblical counselling skills
- Establish a quarterly Music Team training and information meeting
- Continue to update and improve our web and social media presence
- Offer more frequent opportunities in church for open prayer, interviews, and questions and answers after a Bible talk
- Create a welcome pack and improve the process by which we link newcomers to home groups
- Establish quarterly training for all Sunday teams
- Develop five music groups with a designated leader for each group
- Develop an afternoon/evening service
- Improve parking congestion on Sunday
- Complete 'Building for the Future'
- Further improve business processes & procedures and offer further training for Safeguarding, Food Safety, First Aid, and for regular rota duties
- Offer contactless and online giving to donors



GOING FORWARD: FIVE YEAR PLAN

	2-3 Year Plan	5 Year Plan
 <p>Faith</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Men's Women's & Young Adult's Ministry Develop Elder Training Programme Review all Church policies and governing documents to make sure we are following best practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Bible School Jersey Baptist Church becomes a Training Leadership Hub Play Wider Role in the FIEC Host Island-Wide Bible Conference
 <p>Hope</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Summer Camp Train Young People in Evangelism Weekly Key Stage 2 Ministry Weekend 'Dads & Kids' Programme Expand Missions Giving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercy Ministry to Bedsits Church used by Community Send Short Term Missionaries Church Planting
 <p>Love</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand Social Activities through Host a Roast, Weekend Away and Beach Fun 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Biblical Counselling Resources Prayer Triplets Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hire a Music Director Evangelism/Prayer Door-knocking Praying for Young People Campaign



FUNDING THE VISION

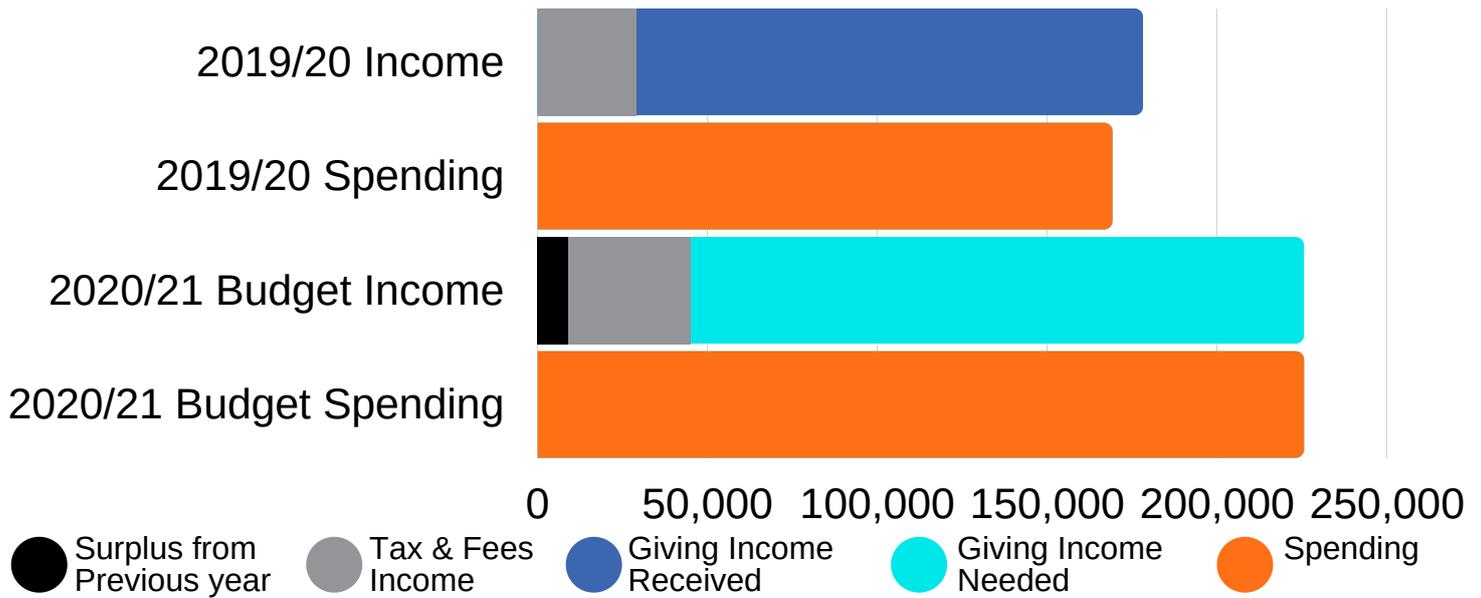
2020/2021 Budget

	Expenses	Income
Discipleship (Training, JETS, conferences)	6,300	
Connect and Care (Church socials, training, and ministry)	1,500	
Community Events	1,500	
Children's Ministry	7,600	
Youth Ministry	4,700	
Evangelism (Courses, Guest Events, Local Missions)	6,800	
Music Ministry	500	
Ministry Staff	149,000	
Ministry Support (Maintenance, Utilities, Office, Insurance, Cleaner)	47,500	
Income from Giving		180,400
Income from Tax Reclamation		36,100
Total	225,400	216,500

**Budget line items rounded to nearest £100*



FUNDING THE VISION



*Did you know?
£8.33 a month
adds up to
£100 a year*



REACHING THE GOAL

As our church family and ministry grow, **we need an additional £38,500** to support the ongoing vision to see people rooted in Christ, growing in faith, hope and love. This will either come from people beginning to give or from those who are currently giving increasing their support.

As the opposite graphic shows, if just over 30 of us increase our giving or start giving we can reach our goal.

YOUR COMMITMENT

We are an independent church that relies on the generosity of our church family. All of us have a role to play in fulfilling the vision of our church to be rooted in Christ and growing in faith, hope and love. Please prayerfully consider partnering with Jersey Baptist Church as we pursue our vision under God.



COMMITTED TO CHRIST

We are a Christ-Centred Church. This means we are committed to being equipped to be like Christ

- We are committed to learning from the Bible and not neglecting the opportunities we have to learn from the scriptures (Acts 17:11)
- We are being trained for ministry and we are growing in godly character and in our ability to handle the Bible for ourselves, all with the help of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 2:15)
- We support and pray for our leaders and are willing to follow them in all things godly and lawful (Romans 13:1)
- We are a church that values and promotes 1-to-1 Bible reading and home group membership and believes that these discipleship relationships are foundational to growing in faith (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

COMMITTED TO SERVE

- We are all committed to serving in ministry teams- where can you serve? (Ephesians 4:12)
- While not every church member will be part of the Evangelism Team, all of us have a duty to share the gospel with people we know. Therefore we are committed to training in personal evangelism - everyone must share the Gospel (Matthew 28:19)
- We recognise that ministry to Children and Youth is vital to the growth of our church and we are committed to investing resources into developing this ministry (Proverbs 22:6)

COMMITTED TO CARE

- We are supportive of each other and our attitude is one of love and self-sacrifice. We serve others before ourselves (Philippians 2:3-5)
- We are committed to praying for each other and our church (Ephesians 6:18)
- We are committed to giving faithfully to the work God has called us to with our time, energy and financial resources (2 Corinthians 8-9)
- We do not neglect to gather together in love and make every effort to participate in the full life of our church as a part of our worship of God. This means we prioritise Sunday services, our mid-week group commitments and the monthly prayer meeting (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- We are committed to growing as a church and will work hard to invite, welcome and care for newcomers with the love of Christ (Romans 15:7)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God There is one God, who exists eternally in three distinct but equal persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is unchangeable in his holiness, justice, wisdom and love. He is the almighty Creator; Saviour and Judge who sustains and governs all things according to his sovereign will for his own glory.

The Bible God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone. Every word was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.

Humanity All men and women, being created in the image of God, have inherent and equal dignity and worth. Their greatest purpose is to obey, worship and love God. As a result of the fall of our first parents, every aspect of human nature has been corrupted and all men and women are without spiritual life, guilty sinners and hostile to God. Every person is therefore under the just condemnation of God and needs to be born again, forgiven and reconciled to God in order to know and please him.

Jesus Christ The Lord Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life in obedience to the Father. He taught with authority and all his words are true. On the cross he died in the place of sinners, bearing God's punishment for their sin, redeeming them by his blood. He rose from the dead and in his resurrection body ascended into heaven where he is exalted as Lord of all. He intercedes for his people in the presence of the Father.

Salvation Salvation is entirely a work of God's grace and cannot be earned or deserved. It has been accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ and is offered to all in the gospel. God in his love forgives sinners whom he calls, granting them repentance and faith. All who believe in Christ are justified by faith alone, adopted into the family of God and receive eternal life.

The Holy Spirit The Holy Spirit has been sent from heaven to glorify Christ and to apply his work of salvation. He convicts sinners, imparts spiritual life and gives a true understanding of the Scriptures. He indwells all believers, brings assurance of salvation and produces increasing likeness to Christ. He builds up the Church and empowers its members for worship, service and mission.

The Church The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel.

Baptism & the Lord's Supper Baptism & the Lord's Supper have been given to the churches by Christ as visible signs of the gospel. Baptism is a symbol of union with Christ and entry into his Church but does not impart spiritual life. The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice offered once for all and involves no change in the bread and wine. All its blessings are received by faith.

The Future The Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory. He will raise the dead and judge the world in righteousness. The wicked will be sent to eternal punishment and the righteous will be welcomed into a life of eternal joy in fellowship with God. God will make all things new and will be glorified forever.



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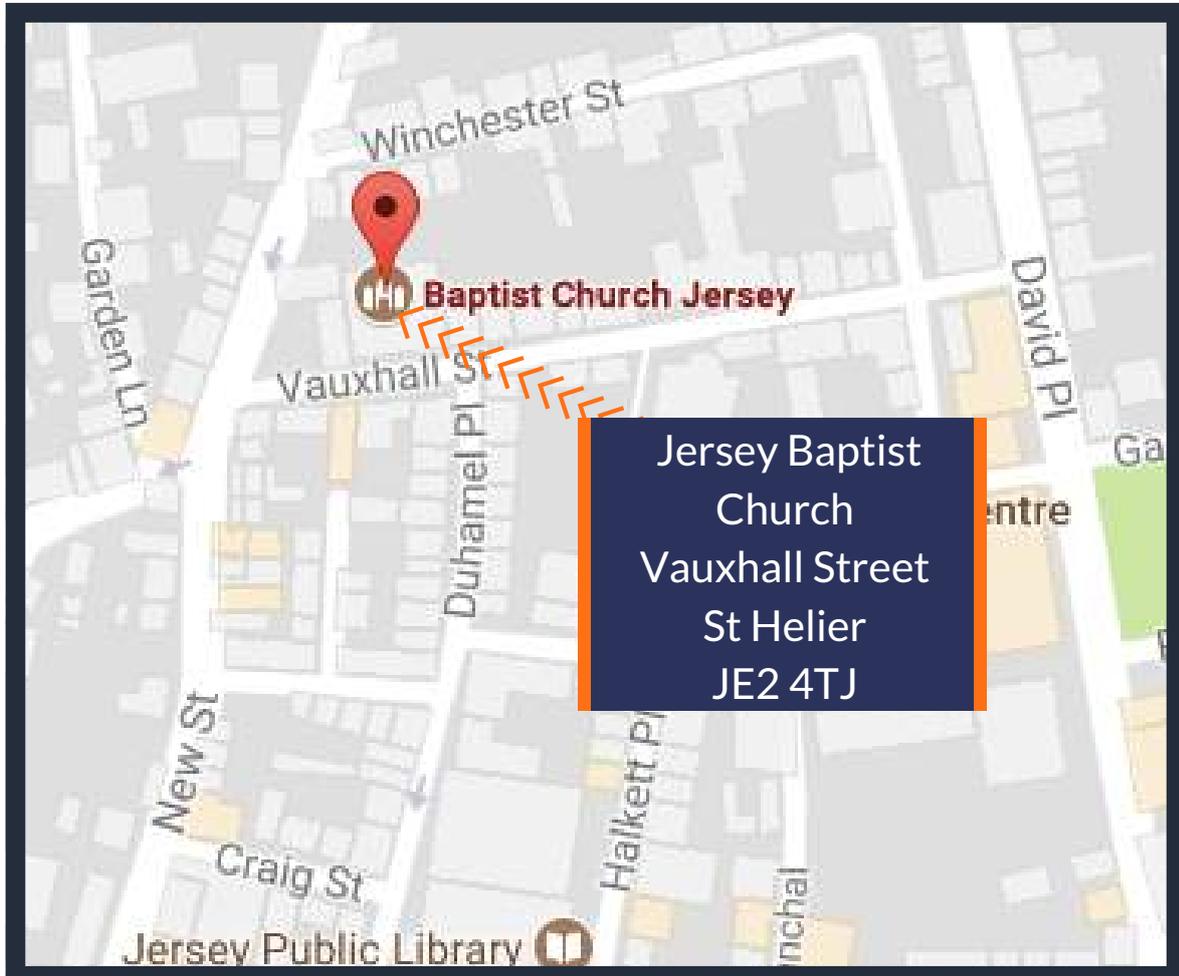
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