

# SAWYERS CHURCH



## Our purpose is...

### **Working Together, Building Community, Making a Difference**

Sawyers Church works hard to meet the needs of its people and the local community. We have been serving the local area for over 50 years.

It is always good for us to review our purpose and make sure that what we are doing is what God has called us to do – we need to have a clear vision and understanding of who we are and what is our purpose.

As a leadership we believe that our primary purpose is to see people from all cultures, backgrounds and age groups reach their full potential as Christians. This means seeing people find the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and then being supported to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Our purpose is based on the following scriptures:-

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28 v 19 – 20)

Our purpose as a local church is the Great Commission.

““Teacher which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments”” (Matthew 22 v 36 – 40).

Our purpose as a local church is to worship God in everything we do and love and reach out to the people we have the opportunity to serve both in our local community and further afield.

We aim to fulfil our purpose as a church in the following way:-

- **Working Together** – Psalm 133 tells us that God commands a blessing where people work together and churches work together.
- **Building Community** – Ephesians 4 v 11 – 13 tells us that we are called to grow together in community to show the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
- **Making a Difference** – Matthew 5 v 13 – 16 tells us that we are called to be salt and light in our community making a difference in people's lives and the life of the community.

There are three main areas to local church life at Sawyers. These are:-

- **Inspiration** – this includes Sunday Worship, Equip and other special events.
- **Connection** – this includes our Life Groups and Pastoral Care.
- **Action** – this includes our ministry to the community and further afield.



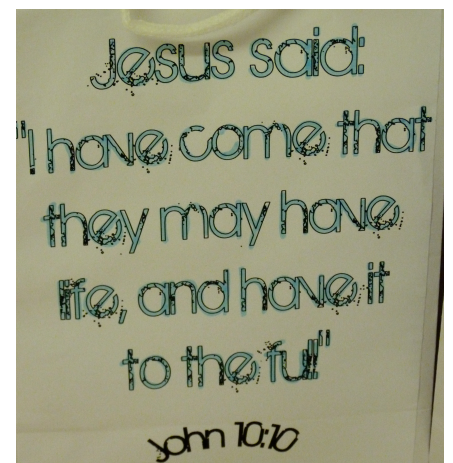
In the area of action we want to be a church that is at the centre of the community influencing our society. Currently there are a number of areas that we focus on as a church. These include

- Working with young people and children.
- Working with families.
- Working with senior people in our church and wider community
- Working with the vulnerable and needy in our community.
- Taking a lead in the delivery of Street Pastors in our town.
- Taking an active role in mission both in our local community and across the world.
- Equipping people to be all they are called to be in the home, in the community and in their work place.
- Working towards being a multi-cultural church where people feel valued and accepted.

As we continue to grow and develop as a church we expect to expand the above.

In all that we do as a church we will seek to:-

- Lead lives that honour God
- Love and build healthy relationships
- Be generous and hospitable
- Be united and learn together







As a church we are looking to build for the future which includes developing a new church building that will help us achieve our purpose.

If you would like more information about the purpose and work of Sawyers Church please contact Pastor Peter Jordan on 01277 210422 or 07817 961558 or email [pastor@sawyerschurch.org](mailto:pastor@sawyerschurch.org).

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